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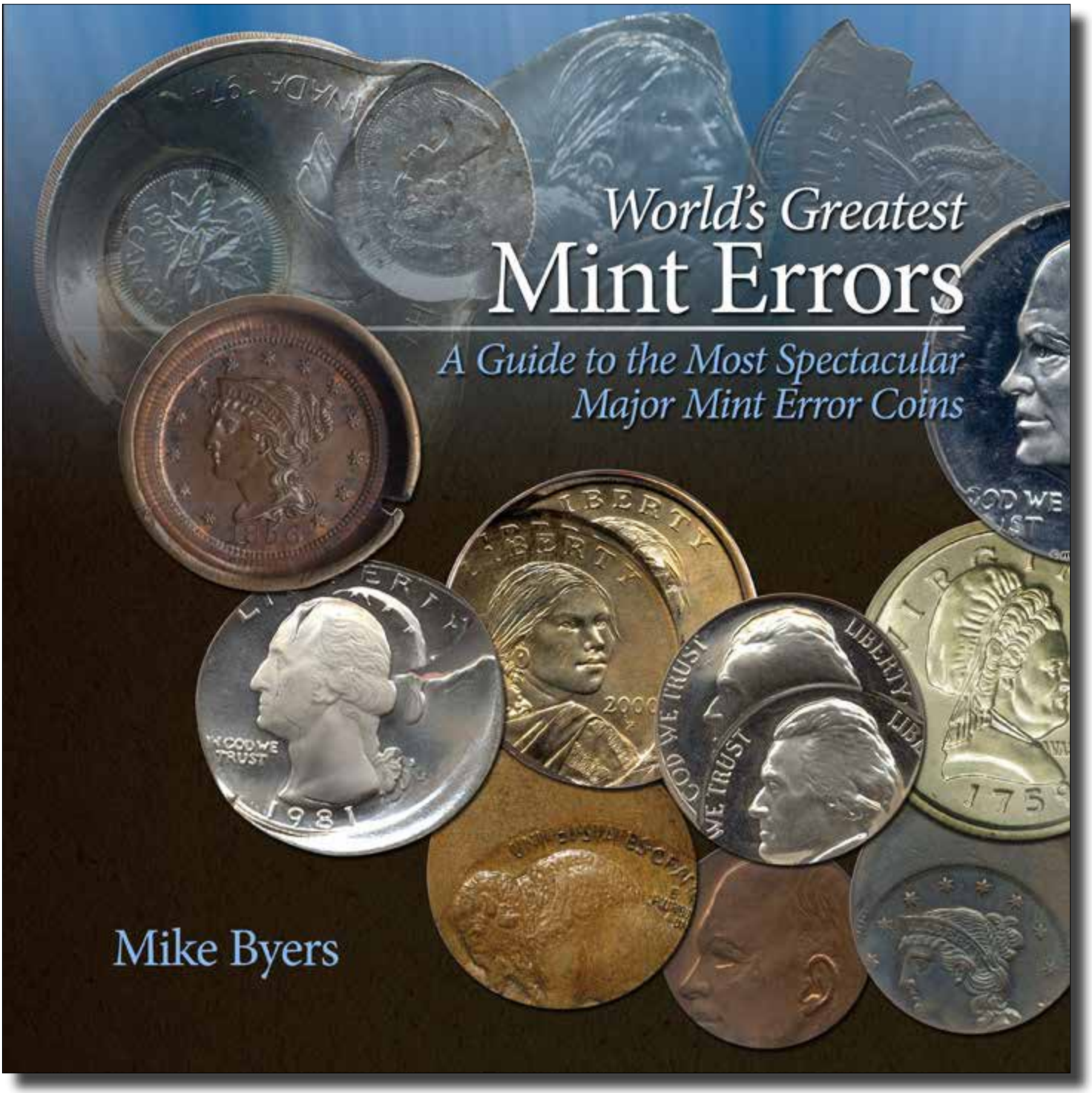

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Mike Byers, Publisher & Editor, Welcomes You!

Welcome to Mint Error News Magazine, bringing the latest mint error news and information to the collector. This is our 20th year bringing you both an online PDF magazine and the Mint Error News website. There are over 1,400 articles, features, discoveries, news stories with mint error related info from the United States and around the World. Our website, minterrornews.com, has become the most popular and informative Internet resource for mint errors and is read by thousands of dealers and collectors.

Over the last 20 years with the advent of the internet millions of collectors have flocked to online auctions and dealer websites. Many people connect to various online forums and clubs to share knowledge and learn about Mint Errors. Everyone, including dealers, collectors and even investors have instant access to information as never before. The Mint Error market has experienced an explosion in collector interest over the last 20 years.

Time and again, rare and unique Mint Errors in the numismatic market have made headline news. Authentication and certification of Mint Errors is now commonplace. In 1991, ANACS was the first to authenticate, grade and encapsulate major Mint Errors. In 1999, PCGS and NGC began certifying Mint Errors. Major Mint Errors are now pursued, collected and traded just like patterns, territorial Gold, colonials and other interesting segments of numismatics.

In 1975, I purchased a 1900 Indian Head Cent struck on a $2 1/2 Indian Gold blank planchet for $7,750 at a major coin auction. That price ranked among the top five ever realized for a Mint Error that few dealers or serious collectors would even consider. At that time price guides for Mint Errors were nonexistent and today that Indian Head Cent struck in Gold is certified MS65 by PCGS and is valued at six figures.

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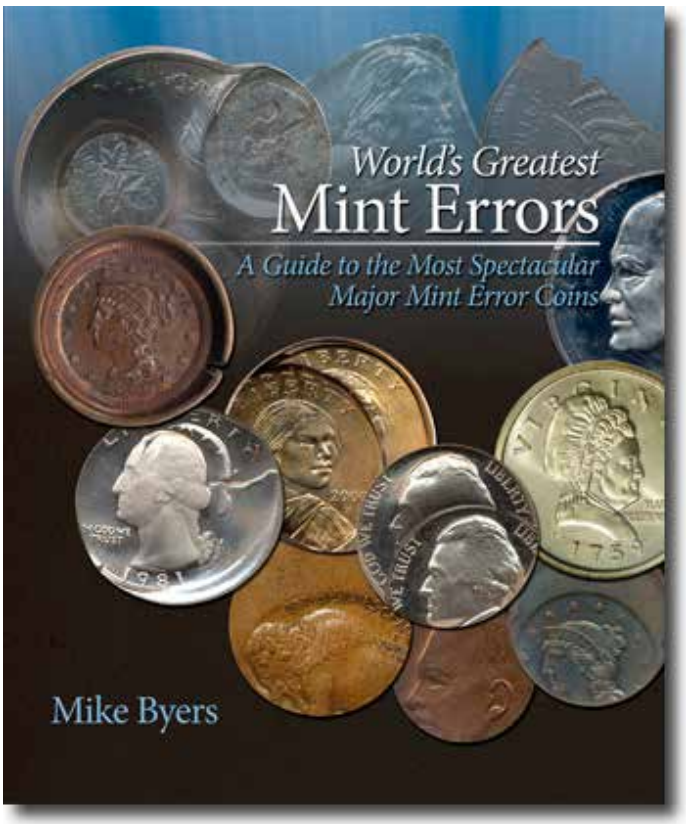

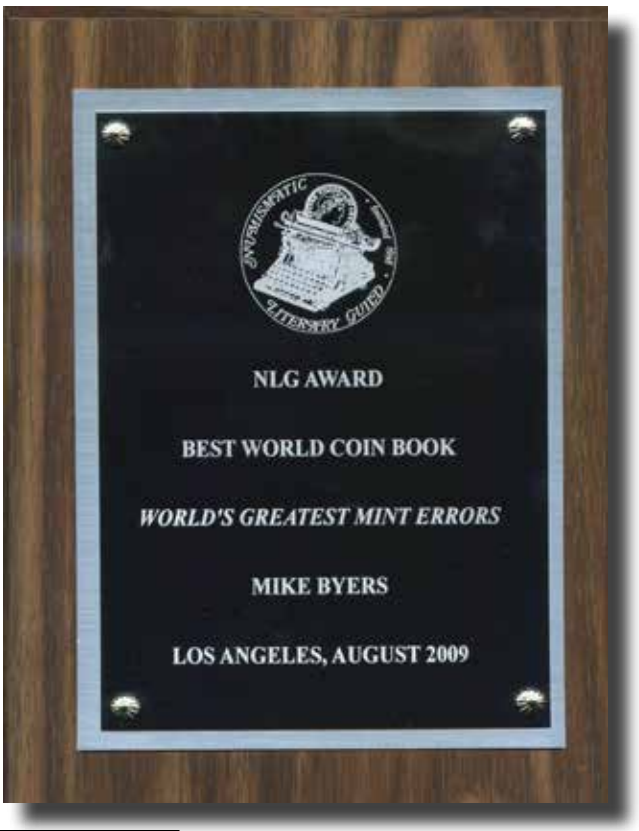

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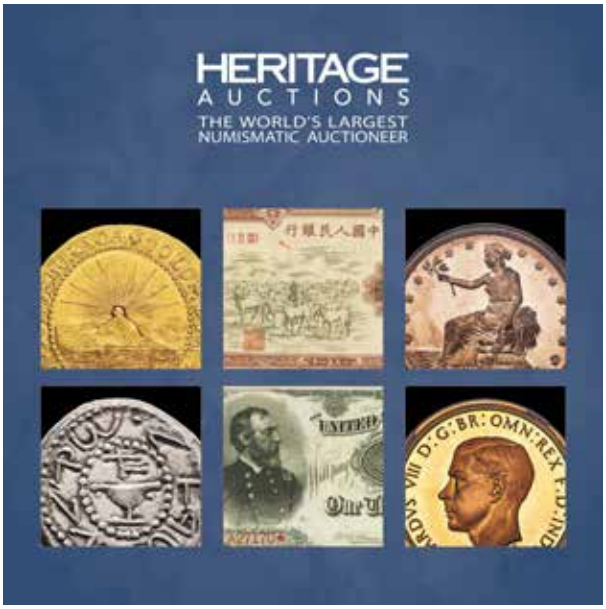

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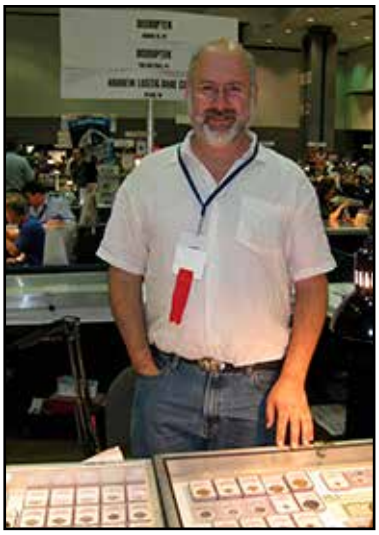

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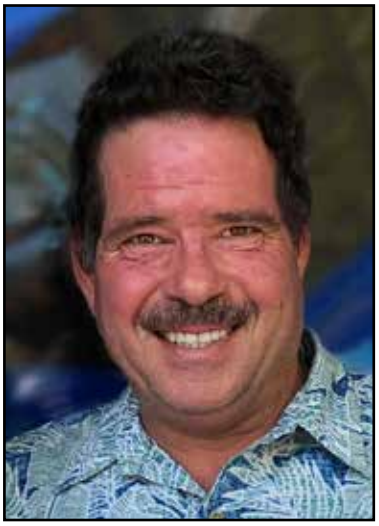
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An interesting array of dollar errors is currently available to be viewed on Northern Nevada Coin's website brokencc.com. The gallery includes several off-center Morgan dollars, a broadstruck Morgan, a spectacularly broadstruck Peace dollar, an example of a rotated reverse, a blank silver dollar planchet, and the Amazing Broken CC.

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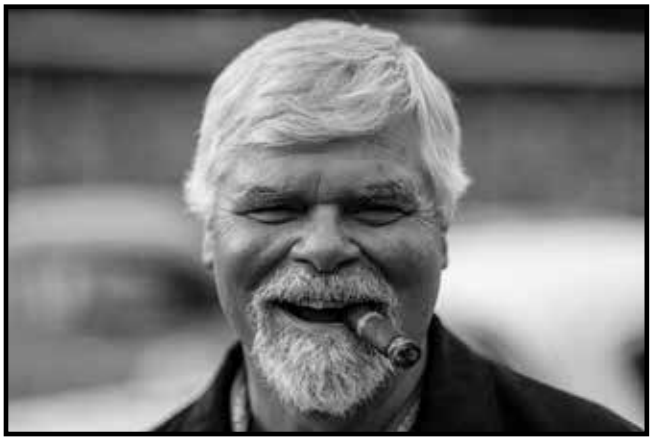

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Unique Mint State Ike Dollar Overstruck on Proof Ike Dollar Struck at the Philadelphia Mint AND the San Francisco Mint!

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Unique Mint State Ike Dollar Overstruck on Proof Ike Dollar Struck at the Philadelphia Mint AND the San Francisco Mint!

This is an amazing Eisenhower Dollar which was unknown to the numismatic community at large until now. It was authenticated by J.P. Martin of ANACS four decades ago. Although obviously a *piece de caprice* it stands alone as a unique Eisenhower Dollar and has no equals.

It was just authenticated and certified by NGC as a 1978 Eisenhower Dollar Overstruck on a Proof Clad 1978-S Eisenhower Dollar. It was graded MS 67 and has gem pristine surfaces. The proof surfaces from the San Francisco dies are dramatic and clearly visible. Upon closer examination, the S Mint Mark is also visible.

It is unique for two very important reasons. It is an Eisenhower Dollar struck by the San Francisco Mint as a proof, which was subsequently overstruck by mint state Eisenhower Dollar dies from the Philadelphia Mint. It is a unique combination of a *proof and mint state* Eisenhower Dollar struck by *two different* U.S. Mints.

Considerable detail including Eisenhower's portrait is clearly visible from the Philadelphia overstrike on the obverse. The reverse also shows considerable detail of the overstrike as well.

Two other extremely rare and valuable Eisenhower Dollars (illustrated below) are the unique Proof No-S valued at over a $1,000,000 and one of three known Specimen Prototypes which sold for $264,000 in a Heritage auction.

This unique mint state Eisenhower Dollar overstruck on a proof Eisenhower Dollar, which was struck at both the Philadelphia Mint and the San Francisco Mint, belongs in the finest collection of unique numismatic items, Eisenhower Dollars or Mint Errors.

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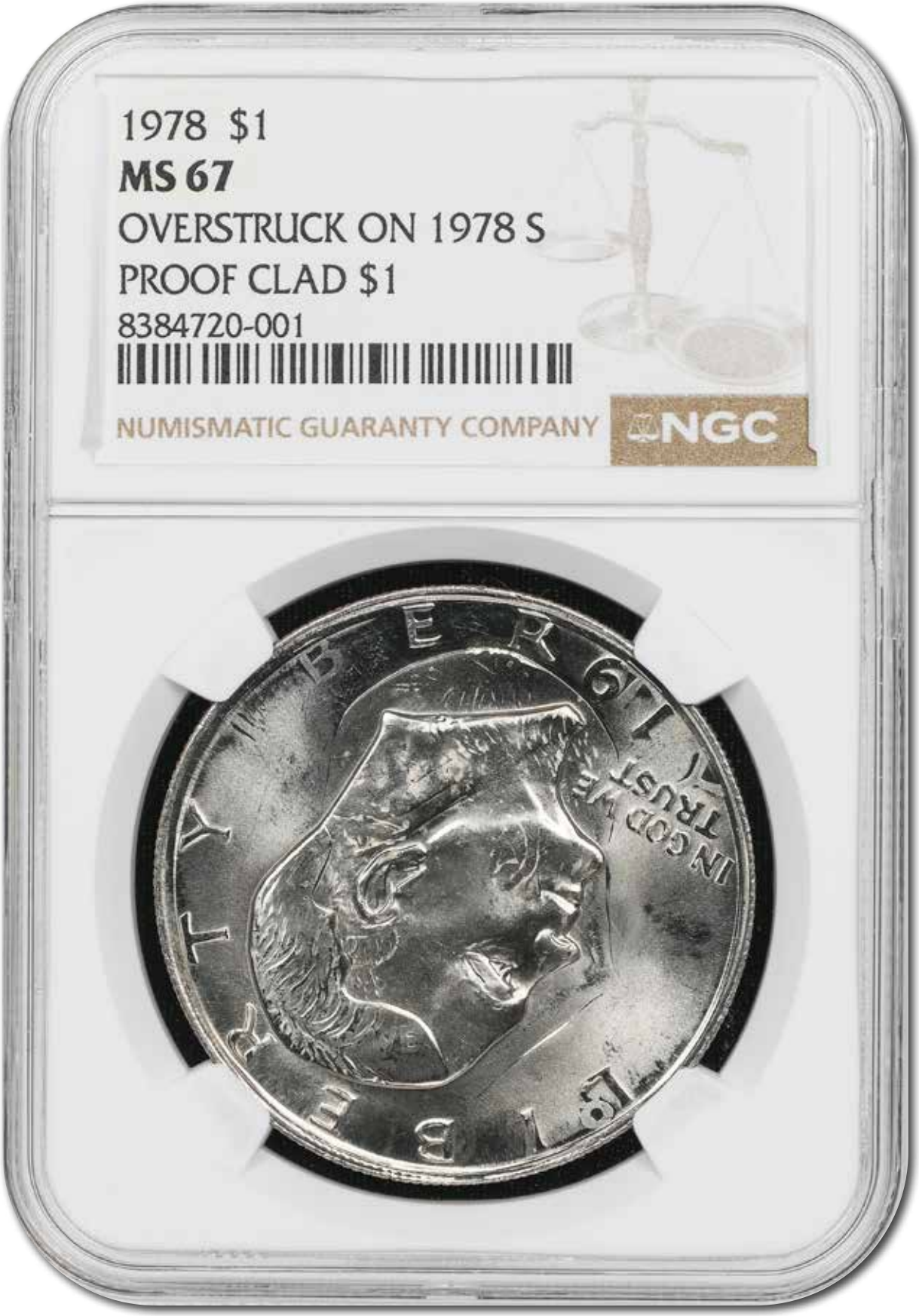

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Comments regarding coin # DGC319

This coin is genuine. It is a 1978-S Proof Clad Dollar that was again struck from 1978-P Clad Dollar dies. However, it was most likely produced under clandestine circumstances. For this reason, ANACS has no alternative but to render a "No Decision" on this coin.

J.P. Martin

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The Unique 1976 "No S" Bicentennial Proof Dollar

The PCGS CoinFacts Price Guide valued this unique Eisenhower Dollar long ago at $850,000. Today, Mike Byers estimates the value well into seven figures.

Photos courtesy of Andy Lustig

The 1976 Type 2 "No S" Silver Proof Eisenhower Dollar is one of America's great mystery coins! It is a 1976 proof Bicentennial dollar lacking the "S" mintmark for San Francisco, and was discovered at a Woodward & Lathrup department store in the Washington, D.C. area in 1977.

It is possible that this coin was struck as a presentation piece for a government or White House official in Washington, and then entered circulation when it was accidentally spent.

Unique Mint State Ike Dollar Overstruck on Proof Ike Dollar Struck at the Philadelphia Mint AND the San Francisco Mint!

The Unique 1976 "No S" Bicentennial Proof Dollar

Mitchell Spivack of Wondercoins (wondercoins.com) is the owner of this unique Eisenhower Dollar and he exclusively commented on this coin for the readers of Mint Error News:

For the better part of around ten years, PCGS has valued the Unique 1976 Type 2 "No S" Silver Proof Eisenhower Dollar at $850,000 in its Price Guide. This value was established well before I bought and then immediately resold one of the two known 1975 "No S" Dimes at public auction back in September 2019 for $516,000 (it had previously sold for around $350,000). Additionally, several other Eisenhower dollars have recently traded well into six figures at public auction. The Ike dollar series has really "taken off" and has come into its own!

Based upon the recent upward trajectory of the (current) mintage two 1975 "No S" Dimes, as well as many Eisenhower Dollars now being worth in excess of six figures, I currently believe that the 1976 Type 2 "No S" Silver Proof Eisenhower Dollar is a "strong seven figure" coin. I receive, on average, at least one random, unsolicited, communication a day from across the globe from non coin collectors who believe they have found another "holy grail" 1976 Type 2 "No S" Silver Proof Eisenhower Dollar. Of course, they have all found, to date, simply one of the millions and millions of business strike Type 2 Eisenhower Dollars produced in Philadelphia in 1976. But, the word is spreading fast, especially via social media platforms such as YouTube, about the "holy grail" of Eisenhower Dollars - the Unique 1976 Type 2 "No S" Silver Proof Eisenhower Dollar! The 250th Anniversary of this great country is now less than 3 years away when this special coin will turn 50 years old!

The Unique 1976 "No S" Bicentennial Proof Dollar

Provenance and Price History

- Reportedly found in a Woodward & Lathrup department store in Washington, DC.
- The first sale was by Devonshire, raw in 1982. It sold for $5,000.
- Martin Paul and Andy Lustig joint ventured it.
- It was subsequently sold to Alan Hager.
- Then it was certified PF 65 by NGC.
- Martin Paul re-acquired it.
- It was in a Superior Auction, lot # 1794, certified NGC 65 in 1997.
- At some point it upgraded to PCGS PR 66.
- Then it was in a B & M auction, lot # 647, realizing $41,400 in 2002.
- Acquired by Mitchell Spivack.
- Re-designated as a CAMEO by PCGS.

Unique Mint State Ike Dollar Overstruck on Proof Ike Dollar Struck at the Philadelphia Mint AND the San Francisco Mint!

1971-S Eisenhower Dollar Prototype

This prototype Eisenhower Dollar sold for $264,000 in a 2022 Heritage auction.

Photos courtesy of Heritage Auctions (ha.com)

The "Lydston-Frohman" prototype became the world's most famous and expensive Eisenhower dollar ever sold, after David Frohman consigned it to Heritage Auctions in 2022 where it sold for $264,000.

This sale changed the entire pricing dynamic of the Eisenhower dollar market as it breached the six-figure ceiling for Eisenhower dollars. After the Frohman sale, six-figure prices for spectacular Eisenhower dollars were no longer an impossible dream, electrifying a silver dollar series that had long been overlooked and likewise clearly undervalued!

To read the extensive article by John Wang, a Mint Error News Consultant, on the history and discoveries of the Eisenhower Dollar SP Prototypes, click here...

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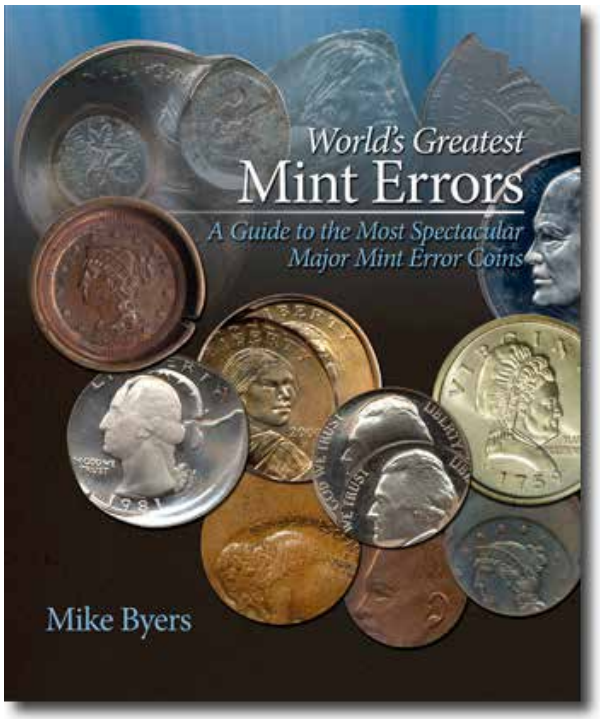
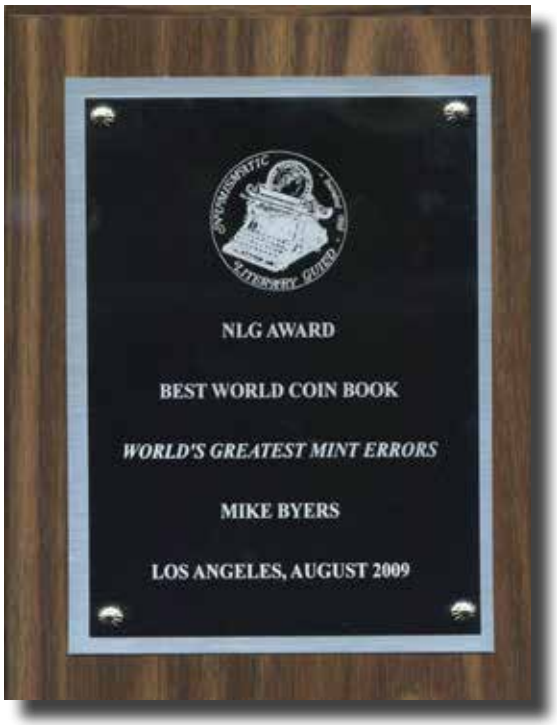
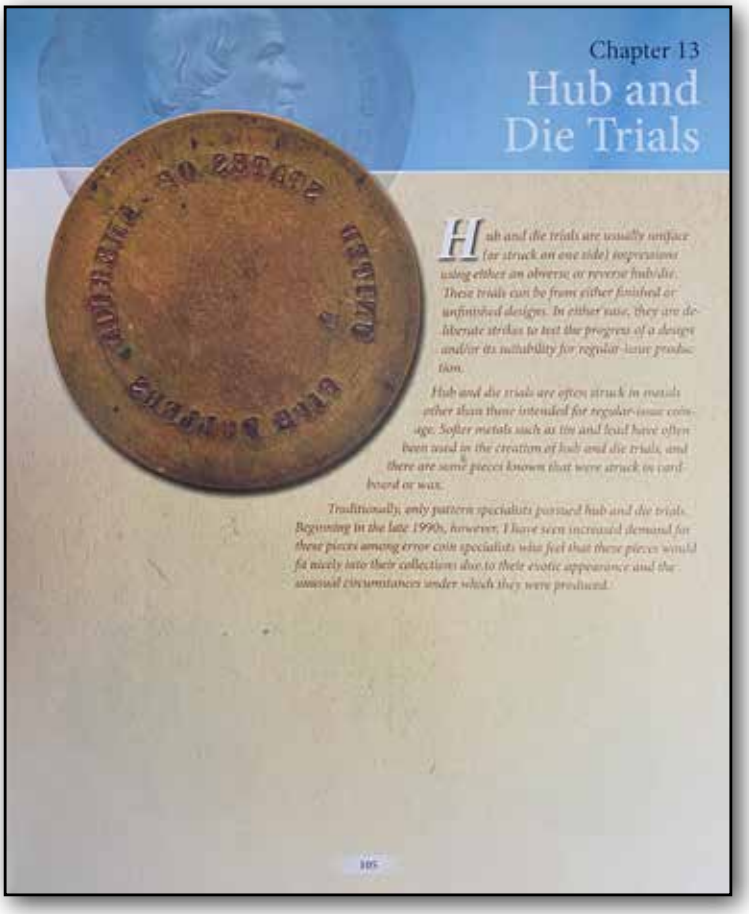
Overstrikes are featured in my NLG Award winning book, *World's Greatest Mint Errors*.






Chapter 13
Hub and Die Trials
Hub and die trials are usually surface (or struck on one side) impressions using either an obverse or reverse hub/die. These trials can be from either finished or unfinished designs. In either case, they are deliberate strikes to test the progress of a design and/or its suitability for regular-issue production.
Hub and die trials are often struck in metals other than those intended for regular-issue coinage. Softer metals such as tin and lead have often been used in the creation of hub and die trials, and there are some pieces known that were struck in cardboard or wax.
Traditionally, only pattern specialists pursued hub and die trials. Beginning in the late 1990s, however, I have seen increased demand for these pieces among error coin specialists who feel that these pieces would fit nicely into their collections due to their exotic appearance and the unusual circumstances under which they were produced.

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Unique Great Britain Shilling Off-Center Die Cap

by Mike Byers (mikebyers.com)

This is a unique Great Britain off-center die cap. This is only the second known Victoria-era die cap. The other one is a Great Britain Florin die cap which sold in a Heritage Auction for $11,750.

Unique Great Britain Shilling Off-Center Die Cap

The creation of this die cap merits an explanation. The planchet entered the collar and was struck 15% off-center. It adhered to the hammer die (top die), which had the reverse design. It subsequently struck many planchets as it wrapped upwards around the die.

Unique Great Britain Shilling Off-Center Die Cap

The anvil die (bottom die) had the obverse design (Queen Victoria). Her portrait became distorted and expanded as it created brockages on incoming planchets.

A truly spectacular and unique Great Britain Victoria-era die cap!

Unique Great Britain Shilling Off-Center Die Cap

The other Victoria-era Great Britain die cap sold in a Heritage Auction for $11,750.

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Prices Realized for Mint Errors & Patterns Featured in the 2025 Long Beach Heritage Auction

The following mint errors sold in the February 27 - March 2, 2025 Long Beach US Coins Signature® Auction #1381.

Images Courtesy of Heritage Auctions, HA.com

1867 Five Cent Muling in Nickel
Unique Judd-575
PR45 PCGS

Sold For: $13,200.00

1867 Five Cent Muling in Nickel
Unique Judd-575
PR45 PCGS

1867 5C Five Cents, Judd-575, Pollock-631, Unique, PR45 PCGS. The obverse is a larger adaptation of the three cent nickel design, while the reverse is the No Rays Shield nickel design. Struck in nickel with a plain edge. The reverse die used that of 1866, as indicated by the star above CENTS that points between the E and N and another that points between the T and S. Some five cent patterns produced around this time were apparently produced outside the Mint, and such pieces are generally attributed to Joseph Mickley. However, this piece is without suspicion because of the Reverse of 1866 that was used. This particular muling is unique. Curiously, it either escaped into circulation or was carried for years by its owner as a pocket piece. The surfaces are nickel-gray with numerous abrasions present and no trace of the original proof fields remains. An important opportunity for the pattern specialist.

Ex: William Rau Collection / Central States Signature (Heritage, 4/2018), lot 4490.

1867 Five Cent Muling in Nickel
Unique Judd-575
PR45 PCGS

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Unique Judd-575
PR45 PCGS

1879 Indian Cent
Struck on a Foreign Planchet
AU58 PCGS

Sold For: $13,200.00

1879 Indian Cent
Struck on a Foreign Planchet
AU58 PCGS

1879 Indian Cent -- Struck on a Foreign Planchet -- AU58 PCGS. Eagle Eye Photo Seal. 49.4 grains. The PCGS insert provides the metallurgical breakdown as 74% copper, 25% nickel, 0.5% aluminum, and 0.5% iron, and states the coin was struck on a Columbian 5 centavos planchet. The U.S. Mint did not strike 5 centavos (or any other denomination) for Columbia until 1902, and Columbia did not strike copper-nickel 5 centavos until 1886. During the 1870s, Columbia 5 centavos were struck in silver alloys of .666 fine or 0.835 fine, and had a weight and diameter too small to provide a planchet for the present lot. Thus, the source of the unusual planchet is unknown. It is too heavy for a three cent nickel. Struck aligned with the collar die at 3 o'clock, with a sharp strike on the right sides and centers. The left-side dentils and UNITED STATES are softly brought up. The pale wheat-gold surfaces are smooth and satiny, and show substantial luster. The present lot might be Judd-1583, the former pattern variety recently delisted as a mint error. Judd-1583, believed to be unique, appeared in various auction catalogs between 1908 and 1987 but was not photographed in any of them.

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1943 Cent
Struck on a Bronze Planchet
AU58 PCGS. CAC
Realized $252,000

1982-D Small Date Cent
Struck in Bronze
AU58 NGC
Realized $10,800

Undated Two Cent Piece
Full Brockage Obverse
MS62 Brown PCGS
Realized $9,600

1943-S Nickel
Struck on a Zinc-Coated Steel Planchet
AU58 NGC
Realized $2,880

1965 Dime
Struck on a Silver Dime Planchet
MS62 PCGS
Realized $9,000

1971-D Quarter,
Brockage Reverse
Struck on Nickel Planchet
MS65 PCGS
Realized $4,320

2000-D Maryland Quarter
Struck on Feeder Finger
Ungraded NGC
Realized $15,600

1999- SBA Dollar
Struck on a Sacagawea Planchet
MS64 PCGS
Realized $15,600

2000-P Sacagawea Dollar /
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MS67 NGC
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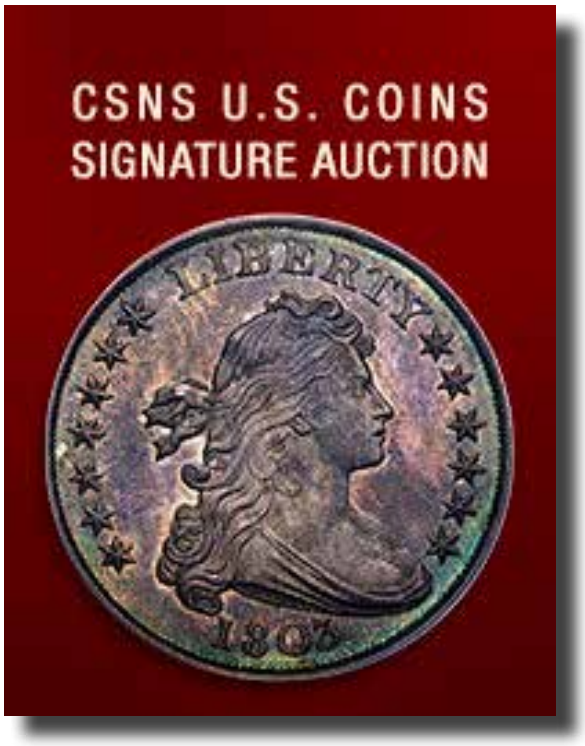
Mint Errors Featured in the Upcoming 2025 Central States Heritage Auction



The following mint errors are featured in the upcoming April 30 - May 4, 2025 CSNS US Coins Signature® Auction #1383.
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1943 Bronze Cent, AU55
Exceptional CAC-Approved Example
Legendary Wrong Planchet Mint Error

1943 1C Struck on a Bronze Planchet AU55 PCGS. CAC. The 1943 bronze cent is a mint error whose popularity transcends the Lincoln cent series, and indeed, numismatic circles entirely. The birth of its popularity began in 1947. Two examples of the error were discovered that year, one by 16-year-old Don Lutes, Jr., who received one in change from his high school cafeteria, and another by the son of Conrad Ottelin, M.D., who found one in his mother's coin bank. Lutes did not immediately report his find, but instead the coin remained in the family for the next 70 years. It was auction by Heritage in 2019 for $204,000.

The coin found by Ottelin's son was reported in 1947, however. Ottelin wrote to *The Numismatist* in the June 1947 issue:

"Dear Editor:

"My son heard a rumor that Ford Motor would give a car for a copper cent of 1943 (none of which was supposed to have been minted) so he looked through mother's bank and found one. He wrote the Ford Company and the reply was that it was only a 'rumor.' He showed the coin to two collectors and we all decided that is was copper and not zinc coated steel.

"I'm wondering if you know whether they actually minted a few copper pieces, though officially only steel [sic] coated cents were made!"

Ottelin's letter to the Editor referenced a rumor that had been circulating at the time, that the Ford Motor Company would give a car to anyone who could produce a genuine 1943 bronze cent. The rumor, as noted in Ottelin's letter,

was false, but it fueled much speculation and searching in the general public. Thus, from the beginning, the appeal of the 1943 bronze cent exceeded the boundaries of traditional numismatic interest, drawing on the desires of the general public. Even today, that trans-numismatic appeal remains in place, with mainstream media promoting this coin as the find of a lifetime to non-collectors of the public. And as a result, many hopeful individuals contact dealers and numismatic acquaintances regarding the authentication of what they believe to be one of these rare bronze errors, only to be disheartened when they learn the coin they have is copper-plated steel, or is another form of fake. Indeed, today, the 1943 bronze cent, due to its widespread and enduring popularity with the public, is one of the most sought-after and one of the most often faked rare coins in U.S. numismatics.

The genuine 1943 bronze cents were apparently struck by accident. Pieces were made by all three active mints, but mostly at Philadelphia. In 1943, the cent's alloy was changed from bronze to zinc-coated steel to preserve copper for the war effort. However, by 1947, with the discovery of bronze 1943 cents in circulation, speculation began concerning how such coins could have been struck. The Mint denied any possibility of error in its coinage up to the 1960s, but eventually conceded that some bronze 1943 cents could have been struck by mistake. The generally accepted theory for their creation is that a few leftover bronze planchets from 1942 remained in Mint machinery or hoppers when the new steel planchets were introduced, and the coins were simply struck in a natural fashion and released without notice. The same circumstances reoccurred in 1944, when leftover steel planchets of 1943 were struck, creating the 1943 bronze cent's "little cousin," the 1944 steel cent.

This is a Choice AU, CAC-approved example of the beloved 1943 bronze cent rarity, a coin that ranks 8th or 9th finest out of perhaps 20 known examples. It appeared twice at auction a little more than a decade ago, but

has since been housed in the Sherman Collection. The coin is defined by its uniform, pleasing chestnut-brown patina and satiny surfaces, which retain subtle luster in the fields. The O in ONE exhibits typical softness, but the strike is otherwise bold. A loupe reveals scattered, faint flecks on each side that mostly blend into the patina -- flecks that have long served as pedigree markers for this upper-end example of the bronze rarity. Even ignoring the CAC label, the quality of this piece is immediately apparent when the coin is held in-hand. Collectors have been searching for a bronze 1943 cent for many decades. This piece will mark the conclusion of one lucky bidder's search. Listed among the 100 Greatest U.S. Coins.

Ex: Americana Sale (Stack's Bowers, 1/2013), lot 13257, brought $317,250; Regency Auction VII (Legend-Morphy, 5/2014), lot 12, realized $329,000; Bruce S. Sherman Collection. Certification #26441689. Pictured on PCGS CoinFacts.

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1973-S Half Dollar, PR67
Obverse Struck-In Copper Planchet

1973-S Kennedy Half Dollar -- Struck-in Copper Planchet on Obverse -- PR67 NGC. 1.6 grams. A copper disc, of non-standard weight for U.S. coinage, is struck into the obverse of this proof 1973-S half dollar. The reverse has a normal appearance. The copper disc has attractively toned in ocean-blue, peach-gold, sea-green, and plum-red hues. The remainder of the coin has a clad alloy and remains brilliant. The copper disc is moderately off center within the obverse, favoring the southwest.

Ex: Misfits Collection of U.S. Error Coinage (Heritage, 12/2022), lot 93217.

1973-S Half Dollar, PR67
Obverse Struck-In Copper Planchet

1973-S Half Dollar, PR67
Obverse Struck-In Copper Planchet

1972-S Eisenhower Dollar, PR65
Struck on Cent and Dime Planchets
Mated Pair Error

1972-S Eisenhower Dollar -- Mated Pair, Struck on Cent and Dime Planchets -- PR65 NGC. Type Two Reverse. Adjacent cent and dime planchets were simultaneously struck by proof Eisenhower dollar dies. Constrained on the left and right sides by either the dollar die or the other coin, the coins expanded on the upper and lower sides, making both pieces more oval than round. In particular, TRUST and the ED in UNITED have a stretched appearance from metal flow during the strike. The cent obverse is mostly fire-red, while the reverse is primarily toned lavender, gunmetal, and apple-green. The NGC insert does not indicate a San Francisco striking, but the mintmark is present on the obverse of the dollar-on-dime-planchet piece, northwest of the 2 in the date. The remainder of the date is absent from the mated pair. The NGC insert implies that the proof Ike dollar was struck on a struck cent and dime, but there is no indication of an undertype on either coin.

1972-S Eisenhower Dollar, PR65
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1973-S Ike Dollar, PR65
Struck on Three Dime Planchets

1973-S Eisenhower Dollar -- Struck on Three Clad Dime Planchets -- PR65 PCGS. A spectacular mint error certain to command attention in any display. Three clad planchets intended for proof Roosevelt dime dies were instead simultaneously struck by a single pair of proof Ike dollar dies. The three planchets touched, but did not overlap. They formed a “clover leaf” pattern that consisted of an upper left planchet, an upper right planchet, and a lower planchet centered beneath the upper two planchets. The San Francisco mintmark is present on the lower piece, as is the right portion of IN GOD WE TRUST. The date is complete on the lower piece with the exception of the lower half of the 1. Ike’s profile is complete on the upper left coin, aside from the bottom of the chin. E PLURIBUS UNUM is complete on the reverse of the lower piece. The eagle is evenly divided between the three coins with the head and and left (facing) wing on the upper left piece, the tail on the upper right piece, and the right (facing) wing mostly on the lower piece. ONE DOLLAR, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, and the planet Earth are incompletely divided across two of the three pieces.

1973-S Ike Dollar, PR65
Struck on Three Dime Planchets

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Jefferson Nickel With 56% Curved Clip – Uniface Reverse

by Jeff Ylitalo

Planchet error coins with a large clip are highly prized. An error with a curved clip in combination with a full uniface striking error is especially exciting. In my experience they are super rare to find. The odds of this happening are very slim. Since I added this one to my collection over 20 years ago I've not seen another like it on any other U.S. denomination or foreign coin.

This nickel curved clip planchet found its way into the striking chamber with a normal sized nickel planchet lying directly beneath it. The result was a die struck Jefferson nickel obverse with a uniface reverse. The planchet lying beneath would have sustained a large curved indent.

Graded and encapsulated MS67 by NGC, it is described as a 50% curved clip, weight 2.2 grams, uniface reverse. By weight it is actually a 56% curved clip with a uniface reverse!

Jefferson Nickel With 56% Curved Clip – Uniface Reverse

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Proof Error Coins That "Escaped The Mint"

by Mike Byers (mikebyers.com)

There are five groups of U.S. proof error coins that "escaped the Mint." I will give three examples with brief descriptions. The most famous hoard is the group that was auctioned by the State of California, after being examined by the U.S. Secret Service.

1. The SF oil pan hoard - In the 70's, the forklifts that were used inside the Mint were serviced outside of the Mint. Employees would place proof error coins in the oil pans.

2. John Devine's (Lonesome John) hoard - John had many proof error coins from the SF Mint, including an Ike Dollar in proof, struck on three nickel blanks. I purchased this clover leaf and sold it to Dr. Berry. Dr. Berry assembled the finest Ike Dollar error collection in the 70's and eventually donated it to the ANA.

3. The SF safety deposit box hoard - The most famous hoard known of U.S. proof error coins that escaped the Mint. A group of San Francisco Proof Errors were discovered in a safety deposit box. They were unclaimed and subsequently auctioned by the State of California, after being examined by the U.S. Secret Service, after determining that they were legal to own.

4. A 50 year raw collection that surfaced around 2015.

5. Another 50 year raw collection surfacing around 2020.

Proof Error Coins That "Escaped The Mint"

Here are three examples of U.S. proof error coins from these groups:

This mated pair was recently authenticated and certified by NGC and is from a 50 year old U.S. proof mint error collection that recently surfaced. This mated pair belongs in an Eisenhower Dollar collection or a collection of major mint errors.

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Proof Error Coins That "Escaped The Mint"

This deliberately struck unique and exotic Bicentennial Quarter error is in gem condition with amazing eye appeal. It is pedigreed to John Devine "Lonesome John," a famous pioneer in the field of mint errors and was just certified by NGC. It was previously unknown to the numismatic community and is just now being offered for sale.

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Proof Error Coins That "Escaped The Mint"

This unique 1970-S Proof Quarter from the United States was overstruck on a 1941 Quarter from Canada and was intentionally produced. This mint error was originally discovered in the group of San Francisco Proof Errors that was auctioned by the State of California, after being examined by the U.S. Secret Service. There is a significant amount of detail on both sides showing the design of the Canadian Quarter. This is one of the most fascinating and intriguing proof mint errors ever discovered.

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Mint Error Coin Chronicles:
Design Errors in the L. E. Bruun Collection

BY NGC

The mistakes include a spelling goof in the name of the king of Denmark.

Numismatic Guaranty Company® (NGC®) is the world's leading authority on mint errors, a popular segment of numismatics. In Mint Error Coin Chronicles, we take an in-depth look at these mistakes on coins.

NGC recently certified the L. E. Bruun Collection, a stunning group of thousands of Scandinavian coins that is being offered in a series of auctions presented by Stack's Bowers Galleries. With that sheer number of coins, there were bound to be a few mistakes, and here are a few of them (being offered in a February 2025 auction) that involve the design of the coins, with the errors engraved into the dies themselves.

This Denmark 1704 Gluckstadt 8 Skilling graded NGC MS 63 was struck during the reign of King Frederik IV, who ruled from 1699 to 1730. On the obverse, the number IV in the king's name was mistakenly rendered as VI. King Frederik VI, a great-great-grandson of King Frederik IV, ruled a century later.

This Denmark 1771KM Skilling - DANKSE graded NGC VF 35 BN has the word DANKSE instead of the expected DANSKE, the Danish word for Danish.

A similar error occurs on this Denmark 1789 MF Schleswig-Holstein 20 Schillings graded NGC F 12. At 1 o'clock on the obverse, the expected DAN that indicates that Christian VII is king of the Danes was instead rendered as DAV.

This Denmark 1787 MF Schleswig-Holstein 40 Schillings graded NGC Fine Details has a spelling error on the reverse, where the word COURANT is missing its U. The word courant, which was used to describe the currency in Schleswig-Holstein, is spelled correctly on the reverse of the previous coin.

Finally, this Denmark 1838 IC//SW Speciedaler graded NGC AU 53 has an error involving the initials of the mintmaster. On the reverse, surrounding the date, they are rendered as SW, instead of the expected WS.

Private Mint News

Private mints and their issues have a long and illustrious history, but it is often hard to assemble, often years later without good documentation. When working with sovereign mints like the United States Mint, there is often a lot of archives and records available to research which is not available for private mints.

To address this, Private Mint News is a new online publication focusing on numismatics from by private mints. Private mint issues or creations, often in the form of tokens and medals called exonumia, is a rich and evolving area, however, research information car be thin on both classic and recent issues, especially the latter. The goal of Private Mint News is to assist in rectifying this situation by documenting and discussing issues from Private Mints of all eras.

Coverage includes private mints issuers of all eras and locations with an initial focus on the United States. Modern issuer coverage will include Daniel Carr of Moonlight Mint, Ron Lands of Gallery Mint Museum, Jared Grove of Grove Minting, Provident Metals, and other issuers. Classic issuers will include issuers of tokens, medals and coins including Civil War Tokens, So-Called Dollars, Territorial and Pioneer coins as well as Private Patterns.

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1945 Lincoln Cent Struck With Silver Composition of 12% Just Discovered

by Roger Burdette

Editor's Note: *Roger Burdette, author of United States Pattern and Experimental Pieces of WW-II, researched this just discovered mint error. Based on his research, a very likely scenario of how this mint error occurred is that War Nickel silver alloy was accidentally mixed the normal copper alloy resulting in a planchet with a composition of 83% copper, 12% silver, and 5% zinc.*

1945 Lincoln Cent Struck With Silver Composition of 12% Just Discovered

February 11, 2025

Mike,

The coin photos arrived OK.

A standard 1945 cent has a calculated density of 8.8685 g/cm3. Your 1945 cent has a calculated density of 9.0521 g/cm3, which is about 0.1836 greater than normal due to the silver content.

Nominal weight of a 1945 cent is 3.11035 grams (48 grains +/- 2 grains). The slab weight of your coin is 3.61 grams, which is about 0.5 gram greater than normal.

Considered together, and assuming minimal deviation from expected values, your coin should weigh 3.6814 grams or about 0.0741 grams (1.144 grains) heavier than reported on the slab. This discrepancy is within the legal tolerance; or might be due to measurement error in weight, or rounding error in XRF measurement, or poor XRF technique.

None of these explain the silver content.

From knowing that both normal alloy cents and wartime alloy nickels were in production at the Philadelphia Mint in 1945, an initial speculation might be cross contamination with the 56% copper, 35% silver component of five-cent coin alloy. (Copper and silver were prepared and mixed separately from the 9% manganese.)

To see if this is a plausible conjecture we have to examine Philadelphia Mint melting operations in 1944-1945 - the only years that both shell case brass, pure copper, and five-cent wartime alloy were in simultaneous use.

Normal operation for 1944 cents (and 1945).

To return one-cent coins to the pre 1943 alloy and quell complaints about zinc coated steel cents, the War Production Board encouraged use of expended 50cal shell cases for cent coinage. By November 1943 a suitable compromise had been agreed to. The Mint did not have suitable ventilation and annealing equipment to melt brass shell casings. Contractors melted 70% Cu, 30% Zn shell cases into brass bars. The brass was supposed to be assayed to ensure

compliance with the contract. However, Dir. Ross' memo to Shanahan, Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint states:

While the specifications in the bid invitations provide for assay certifications it is not contemplated that the shell ingots will be kept segregated by melts as is done with silver. It is expected by all concerned that the shell-ingot melts will run sufficiently uniform in composition to satisfactorily permit their use without consideration of the probable small variations, particularly since the 5 to 1 ratio of added virgin copper will materially diffuse the shell-ingot variations. In other words, it is anticipated that the indicated procedure will produce coin practically within the limits of the legal composition.
Normal cent coinage alloy was made by combining one (1) bar of shell case brass and five (5) times the brass' weight with pure copper. (A proportion of 5 Cu: 1 Brass.) This produced a normal 95% Cu, 5% Zn alloy. A trace of tin was added co comply with the coinage law.

If a bar of the 5-cent coin alloy 56% Cu, 35% Ag without Mn were substituted for one of the pure Cu bars (same weight) the resulting alloy would be 89% Cu, 6% Ag and 5% Zn.

If two bars of this same 56-35 alloy (same weight) were substituted for two bars of pure Cu, the alloy would be about 82.82% Cu, 12.03% Ag, 5.16% Zn. The calculated alloy density would be 9.0505. This "two bar" substitution is too close to the reported XRF to ignore. It also uses what we currently understand about mint operations for shell case brass and wartime five-cent alloy. The director's comment about not assaying shell case bars might also indicate a pervasive assumption that the alloy resulting from the 5:1 ratio was "good enough not to be tested," and that little attention was paid to possible alloy ingot or strip color differences.

That said, we cannot prove this kind of accident occurred. It is, however, all I can come up with given the current limited state of operational detail and the overall coinage operations in 1945.

Last, in looking at the photos you sent, I have an impression that the two 1945 cents are a product of different hubs. But, you have the coins in-hand and are in a much better position to make that determination. This is unlikely to affect anything involving the two coins, but is mentioned for completeness.

Roger Burdette

1945 Lincoln Cent Struck With Silver Composition of 12% Just Discovered

Here is a comparison between a regular 1945 Lincoln Cent (left) and this just discovered mint error (right)

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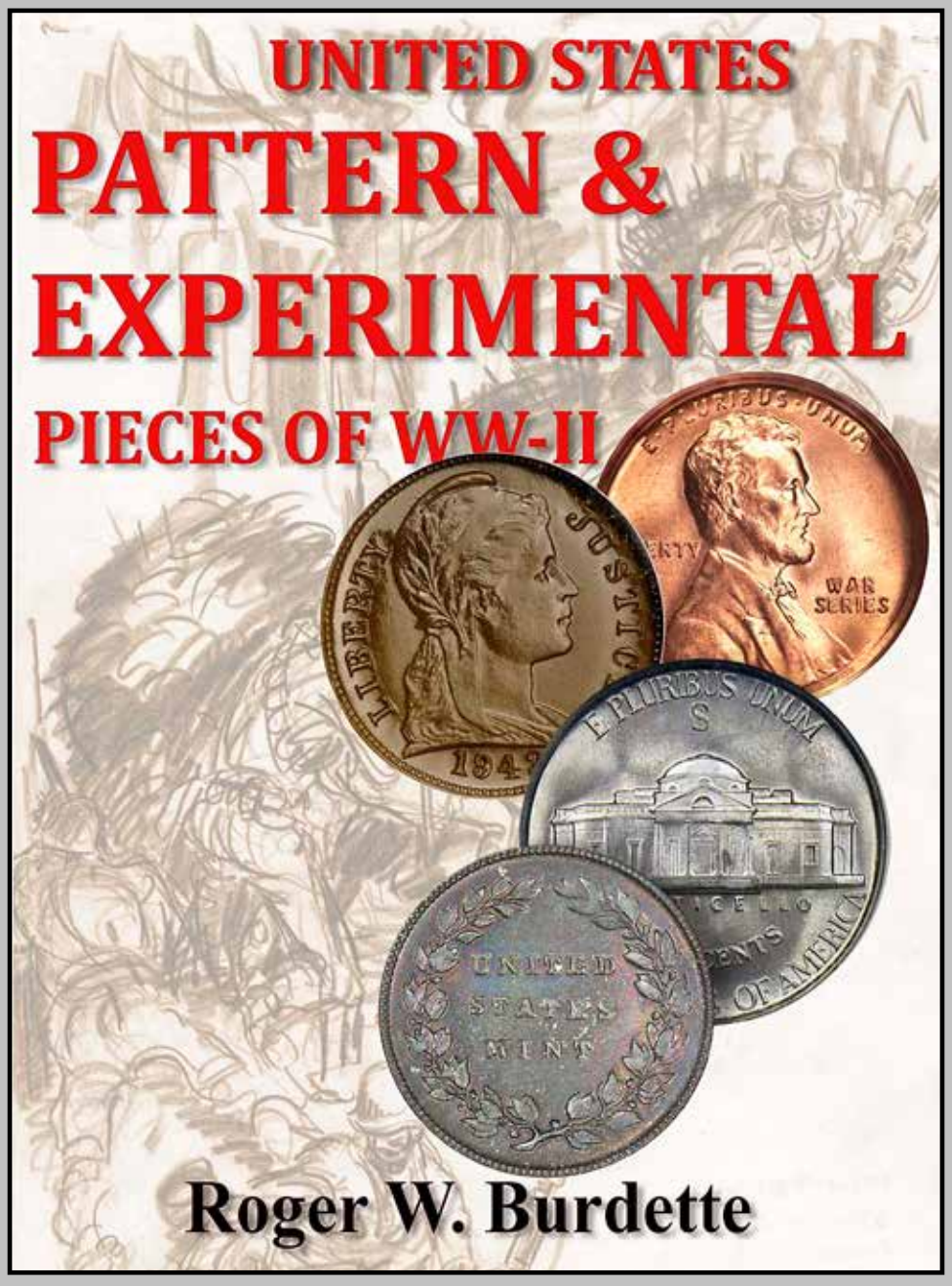

United States Pattern and Experimental Pieces of WW II uncovers the range and complexity of Mint experiments during this critical period in our history. Every documented experimental and pattern piece is described, illustrated where possible, and explained in detail. Author Roger W. Burdette untangles the mass of myth and assumption about these enigmatic pieces, and presents never before published research into the 'How' and 'Why' of their creation.

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Bison Nickel Error Coins

by Christopher Talbot Frank, CTF Error Coins

I have a special love of the modern 2005 Bison Nickel error coins. There was huge collector interest when the 2005 Bison Nickel first came out. As an error coin dealer and collector I really wanted to find errors on the Bison Nickel so I started buying rolls and bags of that design.

I saw a very cool large retained die crack on eBay and back searched where the seller may have gotten them from. I found that the seller had bought a box of unsearched Bison Nickels from a certain seller. I then bought many boxes from that same seller and did in fact find the multiples of the same very photographic error.

I also found another Bison error and had an article published in Coin World about my find, the "Two Horned Bison". I sold thousands of minor bison error coins and put all the proceeds into buying only major error coins that would be put into my business inventory.

Fast forward to today. I never roll search anymore nor do I sell raw minor error coins. What I do find fascinating is when I come across a major error on a bison nickel. These are extremely rare. Some of the known major errors on the Bison Nickels are an off center, a rotated die, improperly annealed planchets, and clipped planchets. The various clipped planchets on the Bison Nickel include curved, straight edge, and double curved clips. There is also a sought after repeatable variety called the "Speared Bison" which is a long die gouge. Be on the lookout to add a rare and popular Bison Nickel major error coin to your collection.

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2005 "Speared Bison" Nickel
Large Die Gouge Error

2005 "Two Horned Bison" Nickel
Die Chip Error

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An Extremely Rare Double Struck Canadian Large Cent

by Mike Byers (mikebyers.com)

This Canadian Large Cent was double struck and rotated in the collar between strikes. There is considerable detail visible from both strikes on the obverse and reverse.

An Extremely Rare Double Struck Canadian Large Cent

Double struck Canadian Large Cents are extremely rare. Struck at the Royal Canadian Mint of Ottawa, only from 1902 thru 1910, with the portrait of King Edward VII on the obverse. Perfect for a collection of Canadian mint errors or double struck mint errors.

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An Off Center Dime from 150 Years Ago!

by Greg Bennick

I love when rarity combines with eye-appeal and a touch of the unusual. This is an example of a coin that has all three.

While by date, the coin isn't rare, by error it certainly is. We are looking at an 1873 with arrows dime. I have always loved older type coin mint errors. They have character and history that modern errors don't have, and they speak to a time when the minting process was less refined, which doesn't mean that errors were more common, but rather that we can identify when in the minting process this happened rather than the coin just being lost in a sea of automation.

An Off Center Dime from 150 Years Ago!

This is an excellent example of a double error on a late 19th-century type coin. This dime has been struck 5% off center, with an additional error as well. It was struck through on the reverse, and looks like a sliver of wood was the culprit, resting on the die when the planchet came into the striking chamber and both received the strike.

In a non-metal and plastic, non-automated mint, there certainly was wood all over the place throughout the building and amidst the minting process. Planchets were often carried in wooden boxes, so we often see Morgan Dollars struck through slivers of wood. Tool boxes were occasionally wooden, and at the New Orleans mint, it has been said that sawdust was used to dry planchets after being washed, so this if true would lend itself to another example of wood being around the striking process.

When the coin was struck, it was resting slightly off center between the dies.

Today we see we see less errors, but that certainly doesn't mean that there were more errors back in the day, because many of them didn't survive or were spent and worn down or simply discarded. Also true is that there were less coins struck and statistically that means less errors overall.

This is a coin that I was very happy to acquire in place into inventory because it belongs with somebody who is a specialist in Seated Liberty coinage.

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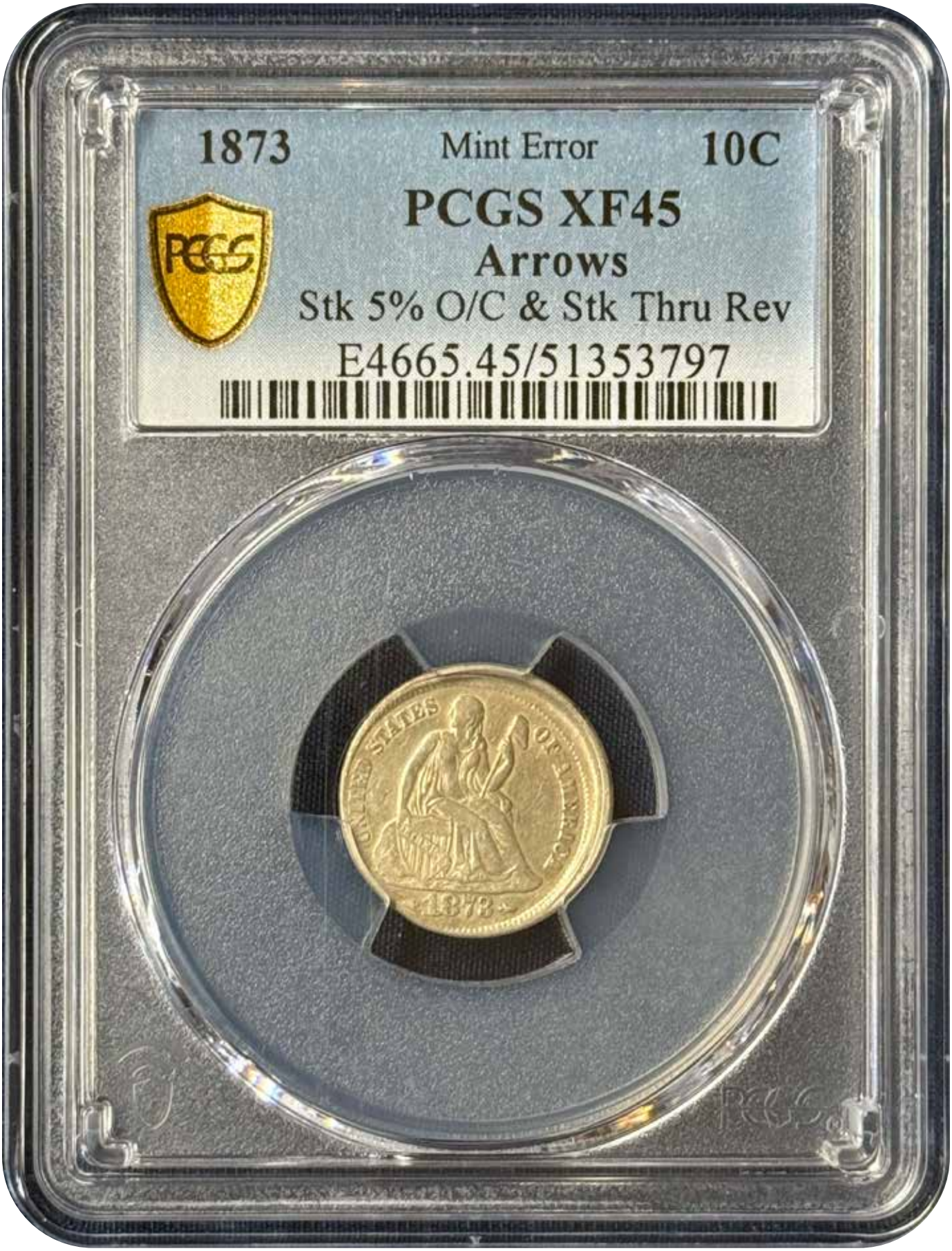

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Unique Triple Struck 1960 Small Date Lincoln Cent

by Mike Byers (mikebyers.com)

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This is a unique 1960 Small Date Lincoln Cent mint error. It was struck three times, all off-center. It is uniface due to an unstruck planchet (or planchets) being between this coin and the reverse die on all three strikes.

Unique Triple Struck 1960 Small Date Lincoln Cent

Major mint errors on the 1960 P-Mint Small Date are extremely rare. This Lincoln Cent is in choice mint state condition with original red-brown toning. It is perfect for a Lincoln Cent collector or a collector of unique mint errors.

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Welcome to The Society of U.S. Pattern Collectors!

For those of you not familiar with this fascinating area of numismatics, patterns are prototypes for coins that, for the most part, were never approved for circulation. Most patterns are very rare, some unique, and others unknown outside of museums.

A good place to start learning about these pieces is our Beginner's Corner which includes a page on How to use this Website or the Photo Gallery which contains examples of many of the different pattern issues.

The United States Mint produced more than 1000 different patterns, as well as many die trials and experimental pieces. Despite the great rarity of many of these individual items, the great variety makes the series surprisingly collectable.

There are relatively few collectors specializing in United States pattern coinage. Most of these collectors target specific areas. For example, there are collectors who specialize in Indian Cent patterns, others collecting Morgan dollar patterns, and so on.

In addition to these specialists, there are thousands of collectors of regular issue United States coins who try to buy a few patterns to complement their collections. Many of these historical coins have wide appeal and are surprisingly affordable. There are many collectors who, for example, would like to own an 1855 Flying Eagle large cent (J-167, about 500 pieces struck) to go with their collection of large cents or with their collection of Flying Eagle small cents.

2000 Lincoln Cent Struck on a 2000 VA 25c PCGS MS-65 Realizes $19,500 in GreatCollections Auction

by GreatCollections (greatcollections.com)

Editor's Note: This intentionally struck, very rare and dramatic mint error just sold for $19,500 in a GreatCollections Auction. The Lincoln Cent dies are nicely positioned in the center of the Virginia Quarter. Dramatic and rare major mint errors, whether intentionally struck or not, continue to realize strong prices.

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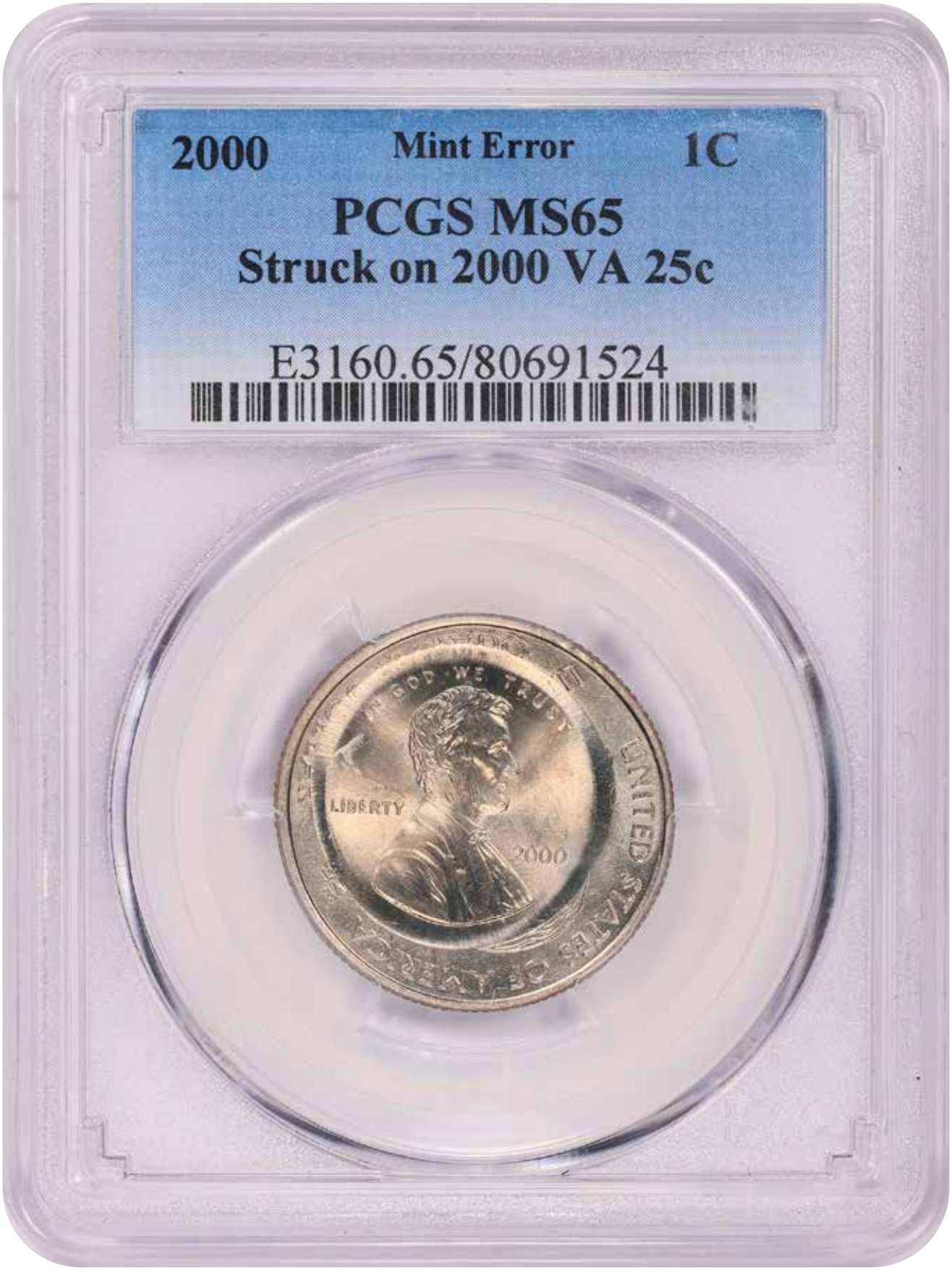

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Unique Luxembourg 10 Centimes Deep Obverse Die Cap

by Mike Byers (mikebyers.com)

Although described by NGC as a Reverse Die Cap, this 1901 Luxembourg 10 Centimes mint error is actually an Obverse Die Cap because the coin adhered to the hammer die (with the reverse design). It then struck incoming planchets, causing the coin to wrap around the die, forming a die cap as it struck brockages. The striking process involved in creating this unique obverse die cap is quite fascinating.

Unique Luxembourg 10 Centimes Deep Obverse Die Cap

It is extremely likely that the brockage shown here (sold by Heritage Auctions in 2022) was struck by the obverse die cap in this article.

Unique Luxembourg 10 Centimes Deep Obverse Die Cap

This one year type coin portrays the Grand Duke of Luxembourg, Adolphe. Major mint errors from Luxembourg during this time period at the Royal Mint of Belgium are extremely rare. This unique Luxembourg obverse die cap belongs in a collection of major mint errors or coins from Luxembourg.

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Great Britain 25 Pence Crown Indented by 1 Pence Planchet

by Mike Byers (mikebyers.com)

This is one of 2 known Great Britain Crowns (1977 Silver Jubilee of Reign) that was fully indented by a smaller planchet. A 1 Pence planchet entered the collar and rested on top of the Crown planchet. The obverse die struck the 1 Pence planchet and the Crown planchet simultaneously.

Crown & Dollar sized coins that were fully indented by a smaller planchet are rare. This fully indented Crown is part of a mated pair. It is possible that the other coin of this mint error pair was released into circulation as well. It would be a 1977 Great Britain Crown struck on a 1 Pence planchet, and the reverse would be uniface.

Great Britain 25 Pence Crown Indented by 1 Pence Planchet

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Extremely Rare Byzantine Empire Gold Solidus Struck Over Brockage

by Mike Byers (mikebyers.com)

This is a Byzantine Empire Gold Solidus from 613-641 depicting Heraclitus and Heraclitus Constantine. It was double struck and the first strike was a brockage on the reverse.

I have handled many double struck and off-center ancient and Byzantine gold coins, even a few brockages. A strike over a brockage is very rare and only the second one that I have handled.

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Mint Error News Price Guide

- Updated April 2025 -

This price guide is brought to you by Mint Error News. It has been compiled by many of the top major mint error dealers.

This price guide is a guide. Prices fluctuate due to the date, grade, eye appeal and how dramatic the striking error is. Rarity is also a factor. The price is sometimes based on the rarity and grade of the type of coin as well as how rare the error is. The price can also vary depending on whether two collectors are bidding for the same rare major mint error. When purchasing a mint error, it is important to use multiple resources to determine value, as there are many mint errors that do not fit into one category.

Proof Errors (Updated April 2025)

Proof coins are struck by technicians who hand feed the blanks into special presses. They are produced, examined, and packaged using extreme quality control. It is very unusual to find major proof errors. A few broadstrikes, off-centers, double strikes in collars and off-metals have been known to be found in sealed proof sets. Proof errors are aggressively sought after by many error collectors.

A very small group of Proof errors recently came from a collection that was auctioned by the State of California. The U.S. Secret Service inspected and released this collection to the State of California determining that it was legal to own. The State of California then auctioned the collection and it has been dispersed since the sale.

Denomination	Broadstrikes	Die Trials	Double/Triple Strikes	Off-Center Strikes	Partial Collar Errors
Proof Lincoln Cent	$1,000 - $1,500	$1,000	$3,000	$1,500 - $3,000	$500
Proof Jefferson Nickel	$2,500 - $4,000	$4,000	$4,000	$2,000 - $5,000	$1,000
Proof Clad Dime	$3,000 - $5,000	$4,000	$4,000	$2,500 - $5,000	$1,250
Proof Clad Quarter	$4,000 - $5,000	$5,000	$6,000	$7,500	$1,500
Proof Clad Half	$5,000 - $7,000	$4,000 - $5,000	$7,500	$10,000	$2,000
Proof Ike Dollar	$15,000	-	$25,000	-	$4,000
Presidential Dollar	-	-	-	-	3 Known

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Broadstrikes (Updated April 2025)

A broadstruck error occurs when a coin is struck without the collar to form the rim and edge that is part of the shape of the coin. Coins can be broadstruck on either type one or type two planchets. When a coin is broadstruck the blank being fed into the collar will spread and distort outward as it is being struck because the collar isn't in the correct position to retain it.

Denomination	(Small) XF/AU	(Small) Unc	(Large) XF/AU	(Large) Unc
Large Cent	$150	$300	$400	$1,500
Flying Eagle Cent (1857 – 1858)	$1,000	$2,500	$1,500	$7,500
Indian Cent	$50	$150	$200	$350
Lincoln Cent 1930 and Earlier	$50	$150	$100	$250
Lincoln Cent 1943 Steel	$40	$100	$75	$200
Proof Lincoln Cent	N/A	$1,500	N/A	$2,500
3 Cent Nickel	$250	$1,000	$400	$1,500
3 Cent Silver	$1,000	$3,500	$1,500	$5,000
Shield Nickel	$400	$1,250	$1,000	$2,500
Liberty Nickel	$150	$300	$200	$600
Buffalo Nickel	$100	$200	$200	$500
Jefferson Nickel War Time	$100	$200	$200	$500
Proof Jefferson Nickel	N/A	$2,500	N/A	$4,000
Seated Half Dime Legend	$1,500	$3,500	$2,000	$7,500
Seated Dime Legend	$1,500	$3,500	$2,000	$7,500
Barber Dime	$150	$250	$200	$400
Mercury Dime	$40	$150	$150	$250
Proof Clad Dime	N/A	$3,000	N/A	$5,000
Barber Quarter	$600	$1,250	$1,000	$2,500
Standing Liberty Quarter	$2,000	$4,000	$3,000	$6,000
Washington Quarter Silver	$75	$150	$100	$250
State Quarter	N/A	$25	N/A	$50
Proof Clad Quarter	N/A	$4,000	N/A	$5,000
Barber Half	$1,000	$2,000	$2,000	$4,000
Walking Liberty Half	$3,000	$5,000	$4,000	$7,000
Franklin Half	$1,500	$3,000	$2,000	$4,000
Kennedy Half Silver	$150	$250	$200	$300
Kennedy Half Clad	$40	$60	$50	$75
Proof Clad Half	N/A	$5,000	N/A	$7,000
Morgan Dollar	$200	$500	$400	$1,000
Peace Dollar	$5,000	$7,500	$6,000	$10,000
IKE Dollar	$100	$150	$150	$200
SBA Dollar	$50	$75	$100	$200
Sac Dollar	N/A	$300	N/A	$1,000
Presidential Dollar	N/A	$1,500	N/A	$2,500

Partial Collars (Updated April 2025)

Partial collar strikes occur when there is a malfunction of the striking press. This causes the collar to be in an incorrect position. The lower die (usually the reverse die) is recessed in the collar. This allows the coin which is going to be struck to have a formed rim. After a coin is struck the lower die raises upwards, pushing the struck coin out of the collar and ejecting it. If a blank entering the collar is not properly seated, it will only have partial reeding as it is struck. The edge of this coin will have a partial reeding and a partial blank surface area. Recently, the Mint has installed new machinery where either die can be installed in either position.

Denomination	XF/AU	Unc
Large Cent	$100	$200
Flying Eagle Cent (1857 – 1858)	$500	$1,500
Indian Cent	$35	$100
Lincoln Cent 1930 and Earlier	$30	$100
Lincoln Cent 1943 Steel	$25	$50
Proof Lincoln Cent	N/A	$750
3 Cent Nickel	$150	$500
3 Cent Silver	$250	$750
Shield Nickel	$200	$600
Liberty Nickel	$50	$150
Buffalo Nickel	$50	$75
Jefferson Nickel War Time	$40	$60
Proof Jefferson Nickel	N/A	$1,000
Seated Half Dime Legend	$750	$1,500
Seated Dime Legend	$500	$1,250
Barber Dime	$75	$150
Mercury Dime	$30	$100
Proof Clad Dime	N/A	$1,250
Barber Quarter	$300	$750
Standing Liberty Quarter	$1,250	$2,000
Washington Quarter Silver	$40	$75
State Quarter	N/A	$15
Proof Clad Quarter	N/A	$1,500
Barber Half	$1,000	$1,500
Walking Liberty Half	$1,500	$3,500
Franklin Half	$500	$1,000
Kennedy Half Silver	$50	$100
Kennedy Half Clad	$20	$30
Proof Clad Half	N/A	$2,000
Morgan Dollar	$150	$300
Peace Dollar	$1,000	$2,500
IKE Dollar	$50	$100
SBA Dollar	$20	$30
Sac Dollar	N/A	$100
Presidential Dollar	N/A	$400
$1 Gold Type 1	$2,500	$5,000
$1 Gold Type 2	$5,000	$10,000
$1 Gold Type 3	$2,000	$3,000
$2½ Liberty	$2,000	$3,000
$2½ Indian	$2,000	$3,000
$3	$5,000	$10,000
$5 Liberty	$4,000	$5,000
$5 Indian	$4,000	$6,000
$10 Liberty	$4,000	$7,500
$10 Indian	$7,500	$10,000
$20 Liberty Type 3	$7,500	$10,000

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Uniface Strikes (Updated April 2025)

Uniface coins occur when there have been two blank planchets in the press at the same time. The other blank will obstruct the die on either the obverse or reverse side, which will prevent it from having that design on the coin. There are many different variations involving uniface errors. In addition to having a 100% blank obverse or reverse, a coin can be struck off-center, with a blank planchet in the collar which will obstruct one side of the off-center. There are also mated pairs which have a combination of multiple errors which can include a side which is uniface. Finally, there are uniface strikes due to a die cap which adhered to the die, forming itself in the shape of a die and striking blank planchets.

Denomination	Uniface Obverse XF	Uniface Obverse Unc	Uniface Reverse XF	Uniface Reverse Unc
Large Cent	$1,500	$4,000	$1,250	$2,000
Indian Cent	$750	$3,000	$700	$2,500
Lincoln Cent 1943 Steel	$250	$500	$200	$400
Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	$50	$100	$40	$75
3 Cent Nickel	$1,500	$3,000	$1,250	$2,500
Shield Nickel	$1,750	$4,000	$1,500	$3,000
Liberty Nickel	$2,000	$3,500	$1,500	$3,000
Buffalo Nickel	$2,250	$3,000	$2,000	$2,500
Jefferson Nickel War Time	$300	$750	$250	$500
Jefferson Nickel	$20	$40	$20	$40
Barber Dime	$2,000	$3,000	$1,500	$2,500
Mercury Dime	$1,500	$2,500	$1,250	$2,250
Roosevelt Dime Silver	$100	$150	$100	$150
Roosevelt Dime Clad	$40	$75	$35	$60
Washington Quarter Silver	$400	$750	$350	$500
Washington Quarter Clad	$100	$125	$75	$100
State Quarter	N/A	$300	N/A	$500
Kennedy Half Clad	$750	$1,000	$500	$750
IKE Dollar	$2,000	$4,000	N/A	$3,000
SBA Dollar	$500	$1,000	N/A	$750
Sac Dollar	$750	$1,500	N/A	$1,000

Bonded Coins

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Bonded coins occur when the feeder system, which supplies blank planchets to the coin press, malfunctions and jams. When this occurs, a struck coin is not properly ejected and another planchet is fed into the collar and is struck. This struck coin will land on top of the previously unejected strike. These coins will then crush and bond together. This may occur many times as more coins bond.

Denomination	2 Planchets	3-4 Planchets	5-10 Planchets
Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	$5,000	$15,000	–
Lincoln Cent Memorial	$600	$2,000	$5,000 - $10,000
Jefferson Nickel	$1,250	$5,000	$6,000 - $10,000
Roosevelt Dime Silver	$4,000	$12,500	–
Roosevelt Dime Clad	$1,500	$5,000	–
Washington Quarter Silver	$7,500	–	–
Washington Quarter Clad	$3,000	–	–
State Quarter	$5,000	–	–
Kennedy Half Silver	$12,500	–	–
Kennedy Half Clad	$10,000	–	–
IKE Dollar	–	–	–
SBA Dollar	$10,000	–	–
Sac Dollar	$10,000	–	–

Struck Fragments

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The blanking press takes the coils of metal strips and punches blanks out of it, ejecting the webbing at the other end. The webbing is cut into small scrap pieces to be melted and recycled. Occasionally a scrap piece will be mixed with the blank planchets and struck by the dies. Struck fragments are rare in the larger denominations. These can be uniface or die struck both sides and are very rare on type coins.

Denomination	Uniface	Die Struck Both Sides
Indian Cent	$1,000	$2,000
Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	$750	$2,000
Lincoln Cent Memorial	$75	$125
3 Cent Nickel	$3,000	$3,500
Jefferson Nickel	$100	$200
Roosevelt Dime Silver	$500	$1,000
Roosevelt Dime Clad	$150	$250
Washington Quarter Silver	$1,250	$1,500
Washington Quarter Clad	$200	$300
State Quarter	$750	$1,000
Kennedy Half Silver	$1,500	$2,500
Kennedy Half Clad	$750	$1,250
IKE Dollar	$4,000	$6,000
SBA Dollar	$2,000	$3,000
Sac Dollar	$2,000	$4,000

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Mated Pairs (Updated April 2025)

Mated pairs involve two individual coins with different errors that were struck together at the same time. Mated pair error combinations can be found in most error types and come in many shapes and sizes. Mated pairs can be overlapped when one of the coins is struck off-center on top of another coin. Another type involves a brockage where a struck coin was perfectly centered on a blank and restruck. Some mated pairs involve a die cap where the cap and brockage coin are discovered together, but this is a scarce find.

The rarest mated pair type involves two die caps (obverse and reverse) where both dies were capped at the same time and both die caps are mated. This last type is extremely rare and there are only a few known examples of mated pairs involving an obverse die cap and reverse die cap. There are several of these mated pairs known on Kennedy Halves including two dated 1976, which is the Bicentennial year. One of the most spectacular mated pairs involve two Barber Dimes, an obverse die cap mated to a reverse die cap and are unique.

Mated pairs can also involve an off-metal where a smaller blank planchet or smaller struck coin was struck on top of a larger coin. This type is extremely rare. The most spectacular pair known is a double struck Franklin Half which was mated to a Lincoln Cent. The Lincoln Cent blank was on top of the obverse of the struck Franklin Half. This pair was then struck together. It is unique.

Denomination	Overlapping	Full Brockage	Die Cap	2 Die Caps
Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	$3,500	$4,500	$7,500	–
Lincoln Cent Memorial	$500	$750	$750	$1,250
Liberty Nickel	–	$20,000	–	–
Jefferson Nickel (pre War Time)	–	–	–	$15,000
Jefferson Nickel	$1,000	$1,250	$1,500	$2,500
Barber Dime	–	–	–	$50,000
Roosevelt Dime Silver	$3,500	$4,000	$4,000	–
Roosevelt Dime Clad	$1,250	$1,500	$2,500	$3,000
Washington Quarter Silver	$5,000	–	–	–
Washington Quarter Clad	$2,000	$2,500	$5,000	$7,500
State Quarter	$4,000	$6,000	$10,000	–
Kennedy Half Silver	$7,500	$7,500	$7,500	$12,500
Kennedy Half Clad	$5,000	$6,000	$6,000	$8,500
Kennedy Half Bicentennial	$6,000	$7,500	$7,500	$10,000
IKE Dollar	$20,000	–	–	–
SBA Dollar	$10,000	$12,500	–	–
Sac Dollar	–	–	–	–

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Transitional Errors (Updated April 2025)

A transitional error occurs when a coin is struck on a planchet from a previous year with different metal composition. The most famous transitional is a 1943 copper cent struck on a 1942 copper blank. 1943 cents were struck in steel because of the copper shortage during World War II. Other famous transitionals include 1965 coinage struck in silver instead of clad.

There are also transitionals struck on blanks for the next year. An example is 1964 coinage in clad instead of silver. Most recently, transitionals were discovered involving the SBA and Sacagawea Dollars of 1999 and 2000. There are eight known 1999 SBA Dollars struck on the brass planchet for the 2000 Sacagawea Dollar, and four known 2000 Sacagawea Dollars struck on a clad planchet for the 1999 SBA Dollar.

Denomination	Off-Metal Planchet	Circulated	AU	Unc	Choice Unc – Gem
Lincoln Cent 1943 Transitional	Copper Cent Planchet	$75,000	$100,000	$200,000	$250,000
Lincoln Cent 1944 Transitional	Steel Cent Planchet	$30,000	$50,000	$100,000	$150,000
Lincoln Cent 1964 Transitional	Clad Dime Planchet	$2,000	$3,000	$3,500	$4,000
Lincoln Cent 1965 Transitional	Silver Dime Planchet	$2,750	$4,500	$6,000	$7,500
Roosevelt Dime 1964 Transitional	Clad Dime Planchet	$5,000	$6,500	$7,500	$8,500
Roosevelt Dime 1965 Transitional	Silver Dime Planchet	$5,000	$6,500	$7,500	$8,500
Washington Quarter 1964 Transitional	Clad Quarter Planchet	$5,000	$6,500	$7,500	$8,500
Washington Quarter 1965 Transitional	Silver Quarter Planchet	$5,000	$6,500	$7,500	$8,500
Kennedy Half 1964 Transitional	Clad Half Planchet	$5,000	$6,000	$7,000	$9,000
Kennedy Half 1965 Transitional	Silver Half Planchet	$5,000	$6,500	$7,500	$10,000
Kennedy Half 1964 Transitional	Clad Quarter Planchet	$5,000	$6,000	$7,500	$8,500
Kennedy Half 1965 Transitional	Silver Quarter Planchet	$7,000	$8,000	$9,000	$10,000
Ike Dollar Transitional	40% Silver Planchet	$2,750	$3,000	$3,500	$4,000
SBA Dollar Transitional	Sacagawea Planchet	N/A	N/A	$7,500	$10,000
Sacagawea Dollar Transitional	SBA Planchet	N/A	N/A	$7,500	$10,000

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U.S. Gold Errors (Updated April 2025)

Major mint errors on U.S. Gold coins are the most prized category of all mint errors. Gold errors are very rare and a few have traded in the $75,000 to $100,000 range. Even a broadstruck U.S. Gold coin can easily sell for $15,000 to $30,000 compared to a broadstruck Cent, Nickel, Dime or Quarter which all sell for well under $10. Many serious collectors of Gold Errors have to wait patiently for months and sometimes even years to acquire that one special piece for their collection.

The prices listed here are for common dates in AU-Unc. Better dates and errors that are in gem condition are worth considerably more.

Denomination	Partial Collar	Broadstruck	Clipped Planchet	3% - 5% Off-Center	10% - 15% Off-Center
$1 Gold Type 1	$1,000	$5,000	$2,000	$10,000	$25,000
$1 Gold Type 2	$5,000	$10,000	$10,000	$20,000	$35,000
$1 Gold Type 3	$1,000	$4,000	$1,500	$7,500	$15,000
$2½ Liberty	$2,000	$7,500	$2,500	$10,000	$20,000
$2½ Indian	$2,000	$7,500	$2,500	$7,500	$17,500
$3 Indian	$5,000	$15,000	$5,000	$15,000	$35,000
$5 Liberty	$4,000	$8,500	$3,000	$12,500	$30,000
$5 Indian	$5,000	$10,000	$3,000	$30,000	$50,000
$10 Liberty	$4,000	$20,000	$3,000	$25,000	$50,000
$10 Indian	$5,000	$20,000	$5,000	$30,000	$60,000
$20 Liberty	$5,000	$20,000	$7,500	$50,000	$125,000
$20 St. Gaudens	–	–	$5,000	–	–
$5 American Eagle	$1,000	$2,000	$750	$2,500	$3,500
$10 American Eagle	$1,250	$2,500	$1,000	$3,000	$3,500
$25 American Eagle	$1,500	$3,000	$1,500	$3,500	$5,000
$50 American Eagle	$2,000	$5,000	$2,000	$5,000	$10,000

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Indents (Updated April 2025)

An indent error occurs when two blanks are fed inadvertently into the same collar, with one blank partly overlaying on top of the other. When the hammer die strikes this combination, the upper blank will be forced into the lower blank, creating a depression which is shaped similar to the upper blank. A scarce type of indent occurs when a blank intended for one denomination lands on top of a blank from a different denomination.

Denomination	10% - 25% XF	30% - 50% XF	10% - 25% Unc	30% - 50% Unc
Large Cent	$300	$600	$750	$2,000
Indian Cent	$250	$500	$400	$750
Lincoln Cent 1943 Steel	$100	$300	$175	$500
Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	$30	$75	$75	$125
3 Cent Nickel	$500	$1,250	$1,500	$3,000
Shield Nickel	$500	$1,500	$2,000	$3,000
Liberty Nickel	$400	$1,000	$750	$1,500
Buffalo Nickel	$300	$1,000	$600	$2,000
Jefferson Nickel War Time	$200	$400	$400	$750
Jefferson Nickel	$10	$25	$15	$30
Barber Dime	$1,000	$2,000	$1,500	$3,000
Mercury Dime	$300	$750	$500	$1,500
Roosevelt Dime Silver	$30	$60	$50	$100
Roosevelt Dime Clad	$10	$20	$15	$30
Washington Quarter Silver	$100	$200	$150	$300
Washington Quarter Clad	$25	$50	$35	$100
State Quarter	N/A	N/A	$200	$350
Kennedy Half Clad	$150	$300	$200	$400
IKE Dollar	$350	$1,000	$500	$1,500
SBA Dollar	$200	$400	$250	$500
Sac Dollar	$300	$500	$400	$750

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Die Caps (Updated April 2025)

Die caps are caused when a struck coin sticks to the upper hammer die. Once the coin is struck to the die face, the reverse of the struck coin becomes the new die face. When the next blank is fed into the collar and the strike occurs, the reverse design of the adhered struck coin impresses itself into the new blank. This struck coin is a brockage strike. The coin that adhered to the upper die is known as a die cap. This process repeats itself as more coins are struck by the cap. The greater the number of strikes, the higher the cap metal will be pushed around the upper die shaft. Eventually, the cap brakes away from the die in the shape of a thimble.

Denomination	Obverse Cap XF	Obverse Cap Unc	Reverse Cap XF	Reverse Cap Unc
Large Cent	$25,000	$50,000	–	–
Indian Cent 1859	$20,000	$40,000	–	–
Indian Cent 1860-1864	$15,000	$40,000	–	–
Indian Cent 1864-1909	$15,000	$30,000	–	–
Lincoln Cent 1943 Steel	–	–	–	–
Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	$1,000	$2,500	$500	$1,000
Lincoln Cent Memorial	$150	$200	$50	$100
2 Cent Piece	$20,000	$50,000	$15,000	$30,000
3 Cent Nickel	–	–	–	–
Shield Nickel	–	–	–	–
Liberty Nickel	$12,500	$25,000	–	–
Buffalo Nickel (1 Known)	–	$30,000	–	–
Jefferson Nickel War Time	$10,000	–	–	–
Jefferson Nickel	$200	$350	$150	$250
Barber Dime	$15,000	$30,000	$12,500	$20,000
Mercury Dime (2 Known)	$5,000	$7,500	–	–
Roosevelt Dime Silver	$750	$1,250	$500	$750
Roosevelt Dime Clad	$200	$400	$200	$250
Barber Quarter	$20,000	$50,000	–	–
Washington Quarter Silver	$1,500	$4,000	$1,500	$2,000
Washington Quarter Clad	$350	$750	$250	$350
State Quarter	N/A	$1,000	N/A	$600
Kennedy Half Silver	$3,000	$5,000	$2,000	$3,000
Kennedy Half Clad	$2,000	$3,500	$1,500	$2,000
Kennedy Half Bicentennial	$2,500	$4,000	$1,750	$2,500
IKE Dollar	–	$30,000	–	–
SBA Dollar	N/A	$15,000	N/A	$10,000
Sac Dollar	N/A	$15,000	N/A	$15,000

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Die Adjustment Strikes (Updated April 2025)

Die adjustment strikes are also known as die trials. This error occurs when a coin is struck from the press with very little pressure. When the press is being set up and adjusted, extremely weak strikes occur as the strike pressure reaches its optimum level. These die trials are destroyed after being struck and are rarely found in circulation.

Denomination	XF/AU	Unc
Indian Cent	$1,000	$2,000
Lincoln Cent Wheat Ear	$200	$300
Lincoln Cent 1943 Steel	$750	$1,500
Lincoln Cent Memorial	$50	$75
2 Cent	$5,000	–
Liberty Nickel	$3,000	$5,000
Buffalo Nickel	$4,000	$7,500
Jefferson Nickel War Time	$1,250	$2,000
Jefferson Nickel	$75	$100
Proof Jefferson Nickel	N/A	$4,000
Barber Dime	$2,500	$3,500
Mercury Dime	$1,000	$1,500
Roosevelt Dime Silver	$350	$500
Roosevelt Dime Clad	$100	$125
Seated Quarter	$4,000	$7,500
Standing Liberty Quarter	$7,500	$15,000
Washington Quarter Silver	$500	$750
Washington Quarter Clad (Pre-State)	$125	$150
State Quarter	N/A	$200
Walking Liberty Half	$2,500	$5,000
Kennedy Half Silver	$500	$750
Kennedy Half Clad	$200	$250
Proof Kennedy Half 40% Silver	N/A	$5,000
Proof Kennedy Half Clad	N/A	$4,000
Morgan Dollar	$4,000	$7,500
Peace Dollar	$7,000	$10,000
IKE Dollar	$300	$400
IKE Dollar Bicentennial	$350	$500
SBA Dollar	N/A	$500
Sac Dollar	N/A	$1,000

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Double Denominations (Updated April 2025)

One of the most expensive, popular, and desired types of errors are the double denominations. This error happens when a coin is struck on a previously struck coin of a smaller denomination. Examples are a cent on a struck dime, and a nickel on a struck cent. The most dramatic are those with considerable design visible from the original strike. There are a few known double denominations with different dates.

Denomination	Struck On	Circulated	AU	Unc
Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	Mercury Dime	$6,000	$12,500	$20,000
Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	Roosevelt Dime	$4,000	$5,000	$6,000
Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	Foreign Coin	$2,000	$2,500	–
Lincoln Cent Memorial	Roosevelt Dime Silver	$3,000	$4,500	$6,000
Lincoln Cent Memorial	Roosevelt Dime Clad	N/A	N/A	$750
Lincoln Cent Memorial	Foreign Coin	N/A	$600	$750
Jefferson Nickel	Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	$1,500	$2,000	$2,500
Jefferson Nickel	Lincoln Cent Memorial	N/A	$750	$1,000
Jefferson Nickel	Foreign Coin	$1,000	$1,250	$1,500
Jefferson Nickel	Roosevelt Dime	$1,000	$1,250	$1,500
Roosevelt Dime Silver	Foreign Coin	$4,000	$5,000	$7,500
Roosevelt Dime Clad	Foreign Coin	$3,000	$4,000	$5,000
Washington Quarter Silver	Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	$3,000	$4,000	$6,000
Washington Quarter Silver	Lincoln Cent Memorial	$2,500	$3,000	$3,500
Washington Quarter Silver	Foreign Coin	$2,500	$3,000	$3,500
Washington Quarter Silver	Jefferson Nickel	$3,000	$4,000	$6,000
Washington Quarter Silver	Roosevelt Dime Silver	$2,500	$3,000	$3,500
Washington Quarter Clad	Lincoln Cent Memorial	$2,500	$3,000	$3,500
Washington Quarter Clad	Foreign Coin	$2,000	$2,500	$3,000
Washington Quarter Clad	Jefferson Nickel	$2,500	$3,000	$3,500
Washington Quarter Clad	Roosevelt Dime Clad	$2,000	$2,500	$3,000
State Quarter	Jefferson Nickel	N/A	$5,000	$7,500
State Quarter (Extremely Rare)	Any Other Denomination	N/A	$10,000	$12,500
Franklin Half	Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	$7,500	$12,500	$25,000
Kennedy Half (Extremely Rare)	Any Denomination	$7,500	$10,000	$12,500
IKE Dollar (Extremely Rare)	Any Denomination	$15,000	$20,000	$25,000
Sac Dollar	Maryland State Quarter	N/A	$3,000	$4,000

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Brockages (Updated April 2025)

A brockage error can only occur when there are two coins involved. One of the coins involved will always be a struck coin which has not ejected properly. That struck coin will find its way back between the dies and will be struck next to a blank planchet which was fed into the collar. The image of that first struck coin will be impressed into that side of the blank planchet. The result will be a second coin which has images of the first coin impressed into it. Those images will be pressed into the coin and the image will be in reverse. This incuse sunken image is known as a brockage.

Denomination	50% Brockage XF	100% Brockage XF	50% Brockage Unc	100% Brockage Unc
Large Cent	$600	$1,000	$3,000	$10,000
Indian Cent	$500	$1,250	$1,500	$4,000
Lincoln Cent 1943 Steel	$350	$500	$650	$1,000
Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	$125	$200	$200	$350
3 Cent Nickel	$1,250	$2,000	$3,500	$5,000
3 Cent Silver	$2,000	$3,000	$3,000	$6,000
Shield Nickel	$1,500	$2,500	$3,500	$5,000
Liberty Nickel	$1,250	$2,250	$2,000	$4,000
Buffalo Nickel	$2,000	$2,500	$4,000	$7,500
Jefferson Nickel War Time	$250	$750	$750	$1,500
Jefferson Nickel	$50	$75	$50	$150
Barber Dime	$1,500	$3,500	$5,000	$12,500
Mercury Dime	$750	$3,000	$1,500	$4,000
Roosevelt Dime Silver	$100	$200	$150	$250
Roosevelt Dime Clad	$50	$100	$75	$150
Washington Quarter Silver	$200	$500	$500	$1,000
Washington Quarter Clad	$75	$150	$150	$250
State Quarter	N/A	N/A	$750	$1,500
Kennedy Half Clad	N/A	N/A	$650	$1,500
IKE Dollar	$1,500	$4,000	$3,000	$7,500
SBA Dollar	N/A	N/A	$500	$2,500
Sac Dollar	N/A	N/A	$1,500	$5,000

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Double & Multiple Strikes (Updated April 2025)

When a blank planchet is struck by the dies, the normal procedure is for the feeders to eject the struck coin out of the collar and into a chute. If there is a malfunction and the struck coin isn't ejected, it may receive a second or third strike by the dies. A multiple struck coin can happen in many ways and have many combinations of errors.

(Since each double and multiple strike can vary from being 10% off-center to 90% off-center, the prices listed below can be substantially more based on the percent off-center and dramatic overall look.)

Denomination	XF/AU	Unc
Large Cent	$1,000	$7,500
Indian Cent	$600	$1,000
Lincoln Cent 1930 and Earlier	$850	$1,500
Lincoln Cent 1943 Steel	$400	$1,500
Proof Lincoln Cent	N/A	$4,000
3 Cent Nickel	$2,000	$3,500
Liberty Nickel	$4,000	$10,000
Buffalo Nickel	$5,000	$10,000
Jefferson Nickel War Time	$750	$2,000
Proof Jefferson Nickel	N/A	$5,000
Barber Dime	$4,000	$10,000
Mercury Dime	$3,500	$8,500
Proof Clad Dime	N/A	$5,000
Standing Liberty Quarter	$15,000	$50,000
Washington Quarter Silver	$200	$350
State Quarter	N/A	$350 – $750
Proof Clad Quarter	N/A	$6,000
Walking Liberty Half	$10,000	$25,000
Franklin Half	$6,500	$10,000
Kennedy Half Silver	$1,500	$2,500
Kennedy Half Clad	N/A	$750
Proof Kennedy Half Clad	N/A	$7,500
Morgan Dollar	$10,000	$25,000
Peace Dollar	$15,000	$40,000
IKE Dollar	$2,000	$4,000 - $7,500
SBA Dollar	$1,000	$2,500 – $4,000
Sac Dollar	$750	$1,250 – $2,500

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Off-Center Strikes (Updated April 2025)

Off-center coins are one of the most common and best known types of errors. This happens when a blank which is supposed to be fed into the press, lands in the collar improperly. When this occurs only part of the blank is between the upper and lower dies. When the dies strike the blank, only that part will be struck with a design.

Denomination	10% - 15% XF/AU	25% - 60% XF/AU	10% - 15% Unc	25% - 60% Unc
Large Cent	$400	$2,500	$1,000	$10,000
Flying Eagle Cent (1857 – 1858)	$2,500	$10,000	$5,000	$20,000
Indian Cent	$100	$400	$200	$600
Lincoln Cent 1930 and Earlier	$75	$300	$150	$750
Lincoln Cent 1943 Steel	$40	$250	$100	$500
Proof Lincoln Cent	N/A	N/A	$1,500	$3,000
3 Cent Nickel	$300	$1,500	$600	$3,500
3 Cent Silver	$1,000	$5,000	$2,000	$7,500
Shield Nickel	$750	$2,500	$1,000	$7,500
Liberty Nickel	$250	$1,000	$500	$2,500
Buffalo Nickel	$250	$750	$400	$1,500
Jefferson Nickel War Time	$100	$500	$200	$1,000
Proof Jefferson Nickel	N/A	N/A	$2,000	$5,000
Seated Half Dime Legend	$3,000	$7,500	$5,000	$15,000
Seated Dime Legend	$2,000	$7,000	$3,500	$10,000
Barber Dime	$300	$1,500	$500	$2,500
Mercury Dime	$100	$750	$150	$1,250
Proof Clad Dime	N/A	N/A	$2,500	$5,000
Barber Quarter	$1,500	$5,000	$2,500	$10,000
Standing Liberty Quarter	$5,000	$20,000	$20,000	$40,000
Washington Quarter Silver	$50	$100	$75	$150
State Quarter	N/A	N/A	$75	$300
Proof Clad Quarter	N/A	N/A	$3,000	$6,000
Barber Half	$4,000	$10,000	$6,000	$20,000
Walking Liberty Half	$4,000	$12,500	$7,500	$20,000
Franklin Half	$2,500	$4,000	$3,500	$7,500
Kennedy Half Silver	$100	$500	$250	$1,000
Kennedy Half Clad	$60	$250	$100	$400
Proof Clad Half	N/A	N/A	$4,000	$7,500
Morgan Dollar	$3,000	$15,000	$10,000	$50,000
Peace Dollar	$20,000	$35,000	$50,000	$100,000
IKE Dollar	$125	$1,250	$150	$2,000
SBA Dollar	N/A	N/A	$100	$500
Sac Dollar	N/A	N/A	$1,000	$3,500
Presidential Dollar	–	–	$1,500	$5,000

Off-Metals

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Off-metal and wrong planchet errors occur when a correctly made blank from one denomination is accidentally fed into a press for another denomination. Examples are a nickel struck on a cent planchet and a cent struck on a dime planchet. The coin struck on an incorrect blank will weigh exactly what the denomination of that blank would have been. An even more dramatic wrong planchet error is a coin struck on a previously struck coin of a different metal.

Denomination	Off-Metal Planchet	Circulated	AU	Unc	Choice Unc – Gem
Indian Cent	Foreign Planchet	$1,000	$1,500	$5,000	$7,500
Indian Cent	Dime Planchet	$20,000	$30,000	$50,000	$75,000
Lincoln Cent Before 1919	Dime Planchet	$4,000	$6,500	$10,000	–
Lincoln Cent Before 1919	Foreign Planchet	$750	$2,000	$4,000	–
Lincoln Cent 1919 – 1940	Dime Planchet	$2,000	$2,500	$4,000	$6,000
Lincoln Cent 1919 – 1940	Foreign Planchet	$500	$1,000	$1,500	$2,500
Lincoln Cent 1943 Steel	Dime Planchet	$1,500	$2,500	$3,500	$7,500
Lincoln Cent 1943 Transitional	Copper Cent Planchet	$75,000	100,000	$150,000	$200,000
Lincoln Cent 1944 Transitional	Steel Cent Planchet	$30,000	$50,000	$100,000	$150,000
Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears (1941-1964)	Dime Planchet	$500	$600	$1,000	$2,000
Lincoln Cent 1965 and Later	Dime Planchet	$125	$150	$200	$350
Lincoln Cent 1964 Transitional	Clad Dime Planchet	$2,000	$3,000	$3,500	$4,000
Lincoln Cent 1965 Transitional	Silver Dime Planchet	$2,750	$4,500	$6,000	$7,500
Shield Nickel	Foreign Planchet	$7,500	$12,500	–	–
Shield Nickel	Cent Planchet	$15,000	$25,000	$40,000	$60,000
Liberty Nickel	Foreign Planchet	$400	$750	$1,250	$2,000
Liberty Nickel	Cent Planchet	$2,000	$3,000	$6,000	$7,500
Buffalo Nickel	Foreign Planchet	$2,500	$7,500	$12,500	–
Buffalo Nickel	Cent Planchet	$2,000	$4,000	$6,000	$8,000
Jefferson Nickel Before 1950	Cent Planchet	$250	$500	$750	$1,000
Jefferson Nickel 1950 and Later	Cent Planchet	$125	$150	$200	$250
Jefferson Nickel 1943	Steel Cent Planchet	$1,000	$2,000	$3,000	$5,000
Jefferson Nickel 1964 and Earlier	Silver Dime Planchet	$200	$300	$350	$400
Jefferson Nickel 1965 and Later	Clad Dime Planchet	$150	$200	$225	$250
Roosevelt Dime Silver	Foreign Planchet	$2,000	$2,500	$3,000	$3,500
Roosevelt Dime Clad	Foreign Planchet	$1,500	$2,000	$2,250	$2,500
Roosevelt Dime 1964 Transitional	Clad Dime Planchet	$5,000	$6,500	$10,000	$12,500
Roosevelt Dime 1965 Transitional	Silver Dime Planchet	$5,000	$6,500	$7,500	$8,500
Washington Quarter Silver	Cent Planchet	$300	$400	$500	$750
Washington Quarter Silver	Nickel Planchet	$300	$400	$500	$600
Washington Quarter Clad	Cent Planchet	$250	$300	$400	$500

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Denomination	Off-Metal Planchet	Circulated	AU	Unc	Choice Unc – Gem
Washington Quarter Clad	Nickel Planchet	$100	$150	$200	$250
Washington Quarter	Silver Dime Planchet	$300	$400	$500	$650
Washington Quarter	Clad Dime Planchet	$250	$300	$350	$400
Washington Quarter 1964 Transitional	Clad Quarter Planchet	$5,000	$6,500	$7,500	$12,500
Washington Quarter 1965 Transitional	Silver Quarter Planchet	$5,000	$6,500	$7,500	$8,500
State Quarter	Cent Planchet	N/A	$6,500	$7,500	$8,000
Delaware State Quarter	Nickel Planchet	N/A	$500	$650	$750
All Other State Quarters	Nickel Planchet	N/A	$1,000	$1,250	$1,500
State Quarter	Dime Planchet	N/A	$5,000	$5,500	$6,000
Walking Half	Dime Planchet	N/A	N/A	N/A	$50,000
Walking Half	Quarter Planchet	$17,500	$22,500	$40,000	$35,000
Walking Half	Foreign Planchet	$10,000	$15,000	$30,000	$25,000
Franklin Half	Cent Planchet	$3,000	$4,000	$5,000	$6,000
Franklin Half	Nickel Planchet	$3,000	$4,000	$5,000	$6,000
Franklin Half	Dime Planchet	$3,500	$4,500	$5,500	$6,500
Franklin Half	Quarter Planchet	$600	$750	$1,000	$1,250
Kennedy Half Silver 1964	Cent Planchet	$1,000	$1,250	$1,500	$2,000
Kennedy Half Silver 1964	Nickel Planchet	$1,000	$1,250	$1,500	$2,000
Kennedy Half Silver 1964	Dime Planchet	$1,000	$1,250	$2,000	$2,500
Kennedy Half Silver 1964	Quarter Planchet	$400	$500	$600	$750
Kennedy Half Clad	Cent Planchet	$750	$850	$1,000	$1,500
Kennedy Half Clad	Nickel Planchet	$750	$850	$1,000	$1,250
Kennedy Half Clad	Dime Planchet	$750	$850	$1,000	$1,400
Kennedy Half Clad	Quarter Planchet	$350	$400	$450	$500
Kennedy Half 1964 Transitional	Clad Half Planchet	$3,500	$4,500	$6,000	$10,000
Kennedy Half 1965 Transitional	Silver Half Planchet	$5,000	$6,500	$7,500	$10,000
Kennedy Half 1964 Transitional	Clad Quarter Planchet	$3,000	$4,000	$6,000	$7,500
Kennedy Half 1965 Transitional	Silver Quarter Planchet	$7,000	$8,000	$9,000	$10,000
Ike Dollar	Cent Planchet	$7,500	$10,000	$12,500	$15,000
Ike Dollar	Nickel Planchet	$10,000	$12,500	$15,000	$20,000
Ike Dollar	Dime Planchet	$7,500	$8,500	$10,000	$12,500
Ike Dollar	Quarter Planchet	$7,000	$10,000	$12,500	$15,000
Ike Dollar	Half Planchet	$1,600	$1,750	$2,000	$3,000
Ike Dollar	Foreign Planchet	$900	$1,000	$1,250	$1,500
Ike Dollar Transitional	40% Silver Planchet	$2,750	$3,000	$3,500	$5,000
SBA Dollar	Cent Planchet	N/A	$1,750	$3,000	$5,000
SBA Dollar	Nickel Planchet	N/A	$6,000	$7,000	$8,000
SBA Dollar	Dime Planchet	N/A	$6,000	$7,000	$10,000
SBA Dollar	Quarter Planchet	N/A	$600	$850	$1,000
Sac Dollar	Cent Planchet	N/A	$12,500	$15,000	$20,000
Sac Dollar	Nickel Planchet	N/A	$12,500	$15,000	$20,000
Sac Dollar	Dime Planchet	N/A	$8,000	$15,000	$20,000
Sac Dollar	Quarter Planchet	N/A	$1,500	$2,000	$2,500

Counterbrockages

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A counterbrockage error involves a cap die and a previously struck coin. When a cap die strikes a previously struck coin, the obverse design from that struck coin will be impressed into the cap. The result will be a design where the cap face will be an incuse brockage. When a new blank is struck by this cap die with an incuse brockage image, the obverse will have a raised and spread image from that incuse design of the cap. This brockage impression is known as a counterbrockage.

Denomination	Circulated	AU	Unc	Choice Unc - Gem
Indian Cent	$1,000	$1,500	$2,000	$2,500
Lincoln Cent 1943 Steel	$500	$750	$1,500	$2,000
Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	$200	$200	$300	$500
Lincoln Cent Memorial	$40	$50	$75	$100
Shield Nickel	$1,500	$2,000	$4,000	$5,000
Liberty Nickel	$1,500	$2,000	$4,000	$5,000
Jefferson Nickel	$50	$100	$150	$200
Barber Dime	$3,000	$5,000	$7,500	$10,000
Roosevelt Dime Silver	$300	$500	$750	$1,000
Roosevelt Dime Clad	$100	$150	$250	$300
Washington Quarter Silver	$500	$1,000	$1,500	$2,000
Washington Quarter Clad	$100	$200	$300	$400
State Quarter	N/A	$750	$1,250	$1,500
Kennedy Half Silver	$1,250	$2,000	$3,000	$4,000
Kennedy Half Clad	$500	$750	$1,250	$1,500
SBA Dollar	N/A	$2,000	$3,000	$4,000

Fold-Over Strikes
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A fold-over coin is one of the most dramatic types of errors. It occurs when the blank is standing vertically between the dies. During the strike, the force is so great that it bends and folds the blank. These fold-overs can be on-center or off-center, and come in many different shapes. There are a few fold-overs with multiple errors, either with an additional strike or fold-over. Denominations above quarters are very scarce.

Denomination	AU	AU Dated	Unc	Unc Dated
Indian Cent Memorial Copper	$1,000	$1,250	$1,250	$1,500
Lincoln Cent Memorial Zinc	$750	$1,000	$1,000	$1,250
Jefferson Nickel	$2,500	$3,000	$3,000	$4,000
Roosevelt Dime Silver	$4,000	$5,000	$5,000	$6,000
Roosevelt Dime Clad	$3,000	$3,500	$3,500	$4,500
Washington Quarter Silver	$4,000	$5,000	$5,000	$10,000
Washington Quarter Clad	$3,500	$4,000	$4,000	$5,000
State Quarter	$5,000	$6,000	$6,000	$8,500

Martha Washington Test Pieces
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There is one set of a Dime, Quarter and Half struck by Martha Washington dies that are permanently housed in the Smithsonian Institute, embedded in blocks of lucite. According to United States Pattern and Related Issues, by Andrew W. Pollock III, "the only trial pieces purported to have survived metallurgical testing in 1965 were the Dime, Quarter Dollar, and Half Dollar equivalent strikes in copper-nickel clad over copper."

Mike Byers' discovery of the Martha Washington Test Piece on a copper-zinc Cent planchet struck 10% off-center with a uniface reverse was a front page Coin World article on August 7th, 2000.

Denomination	Unc	Choice	Gem
Martha Cent	$4,000	$5,000	$6,000
Martha Nickel	$4,500	$6,000	$7,500
Martha Dime	$7,500	$10,000	$12,500
Martha Quarter	$5,000	$7,500	$10,000
Martha Half Dollar	$5,000	$7,500	$10,000
Martha Dollar (SBA Planchet)	$10,000	$12,500	$15,000
Martha Dollar (Sac Planchet)	$6,000	$7,500	$10,000

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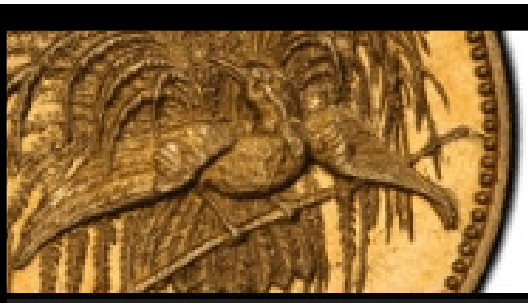

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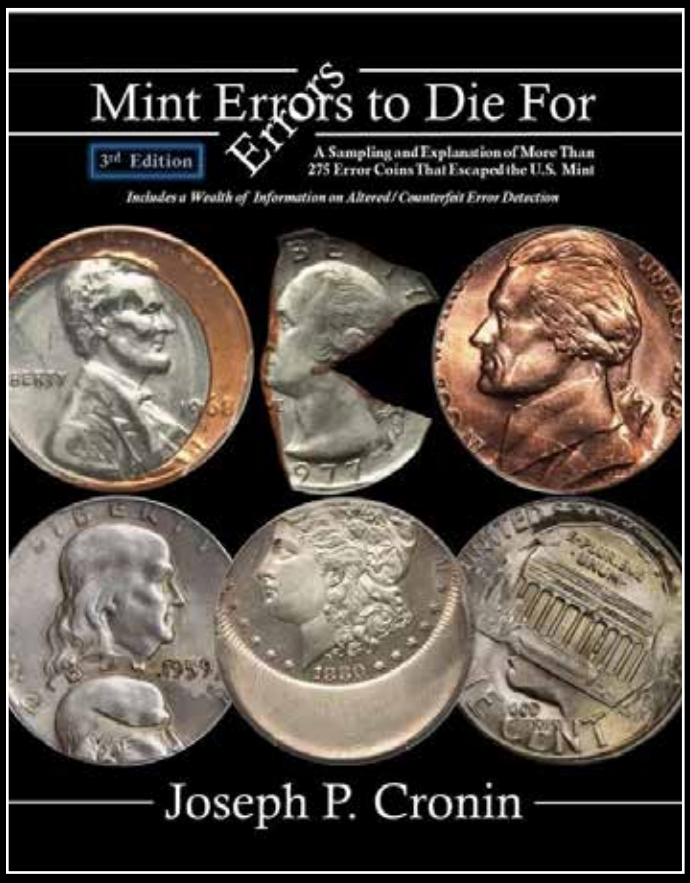
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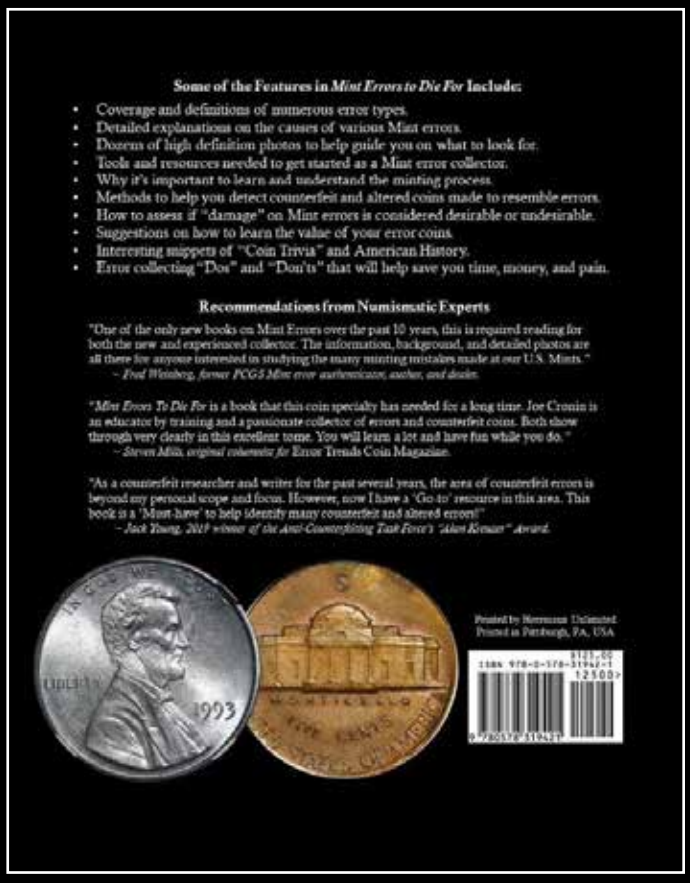
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Non-gold Coins Struck on Gold Planchets

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Coin Trivia: Though the 1913 Buffalo nickel is on a $5 gold Half Eagle planchet, Mint errors on $2.5 gold planchets include: Indian Head Cents: (3) 1900, 1905, 1906, and 1907. Lincoln Cents: 1911, 1915, and 1927

1913 (Type 2) Buffalo Nickel: Struck on a $5 Gold Half Eagle Planchet

Though there are nine known cents (six Indian Heads and three Lincolns) struck on gold Quarter Eagle ($2.5) planchets, this is the only known Buffalo nickel struck on a gold planchet of any type; in this case, it's likely a $5 gold Half Eagle planchet. (Some speculate it was made intentionally as were the five known 1913 Liberty nickels). Sadly someone cut into the rim on the reverse at 8 o'clock (see photo below) likely to prove it's just another plated novelty coin. Now even if you're 99.9% sure your suspect coin is a fake, don't ever, ever do that! As a result, PCGS gave it a "Genuine/AU Details" grade. It's no surprise that the psychological impact of PCGS' grade adversely affected its initial selling price: $78,000 at Heritage Auctions in January of 2021 – a heck of a lot less than what many experts expected despite the damage.

In an interesting twist, Las Vegas rare coin dealer Mike Byers reacquired the coin and advocated it shouldn't have been given a "Genuine" label as there are a few other high-profile straight-graded coins/patterns with post-Mint alterations. NGC agreed and straight-graded it at AU-53; he later sold the coin privately for $400,000! *(Source: MikeByers.com/6324417-001.html)*

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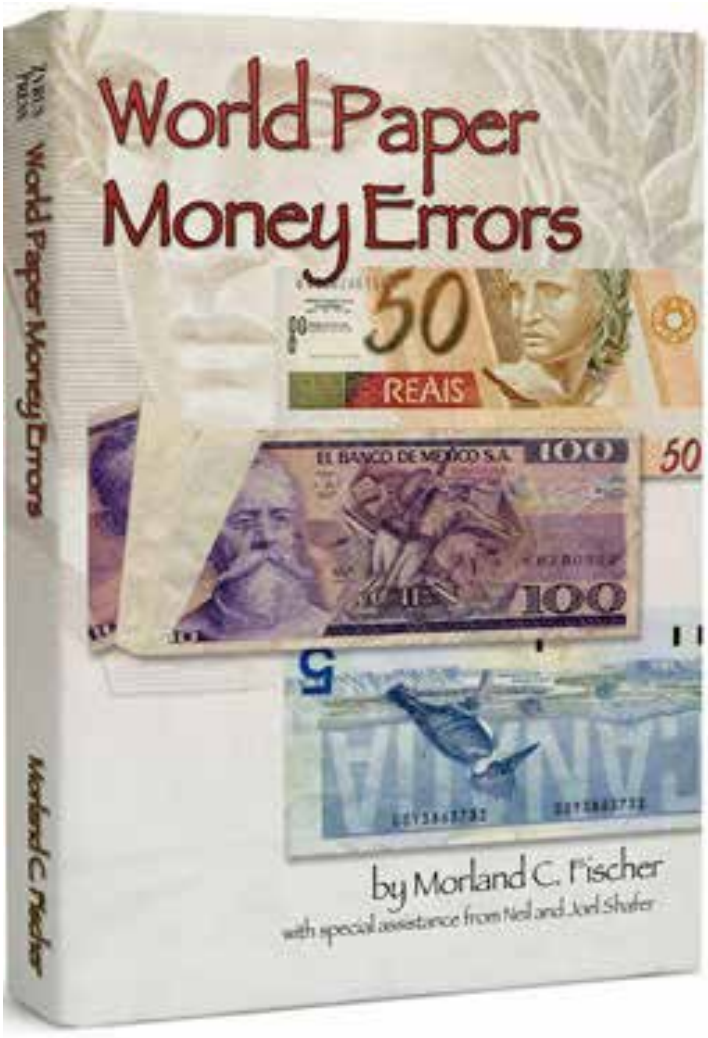

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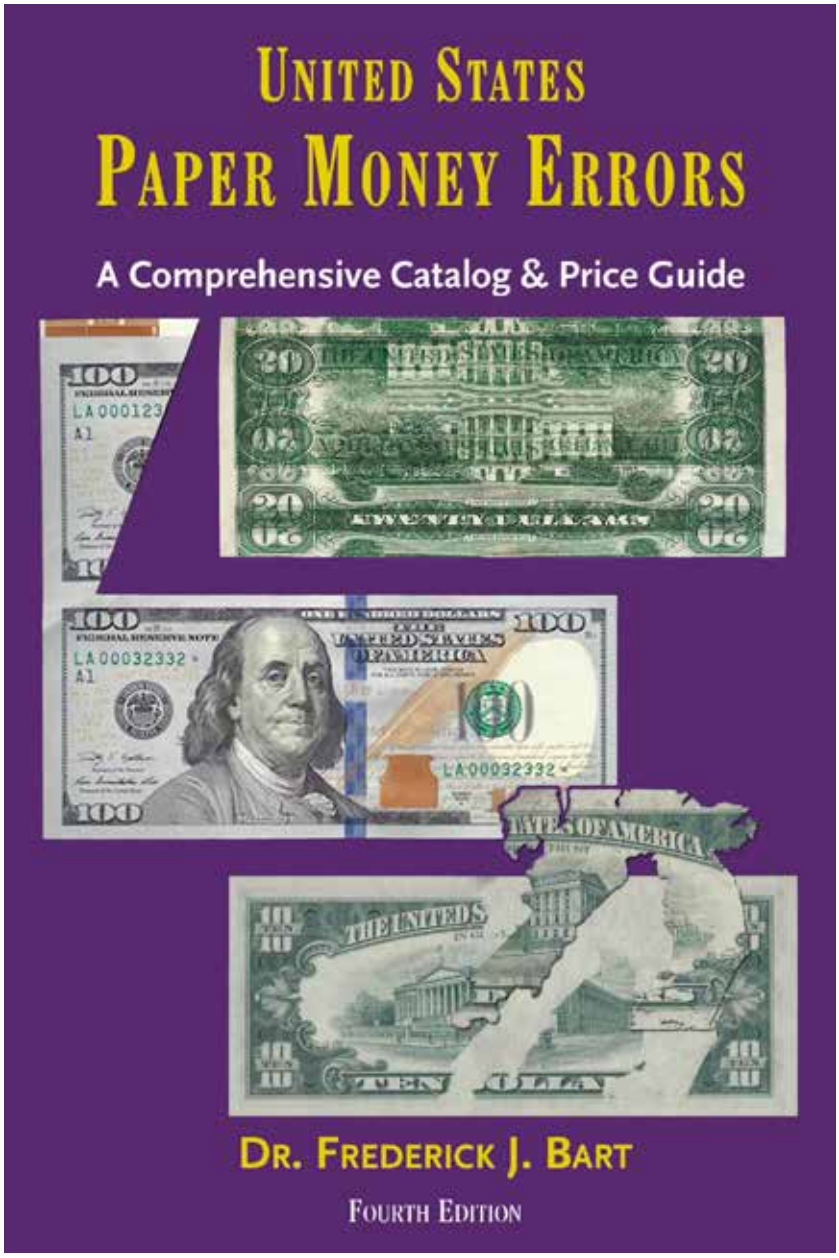

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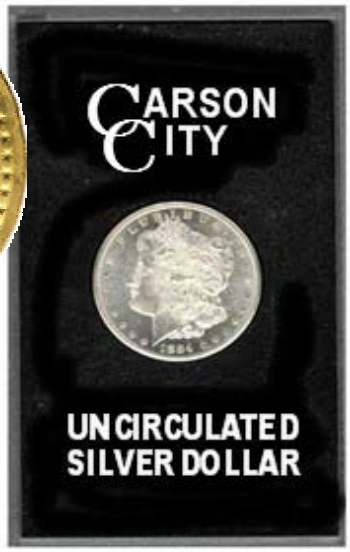

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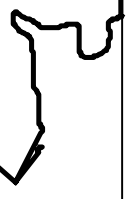

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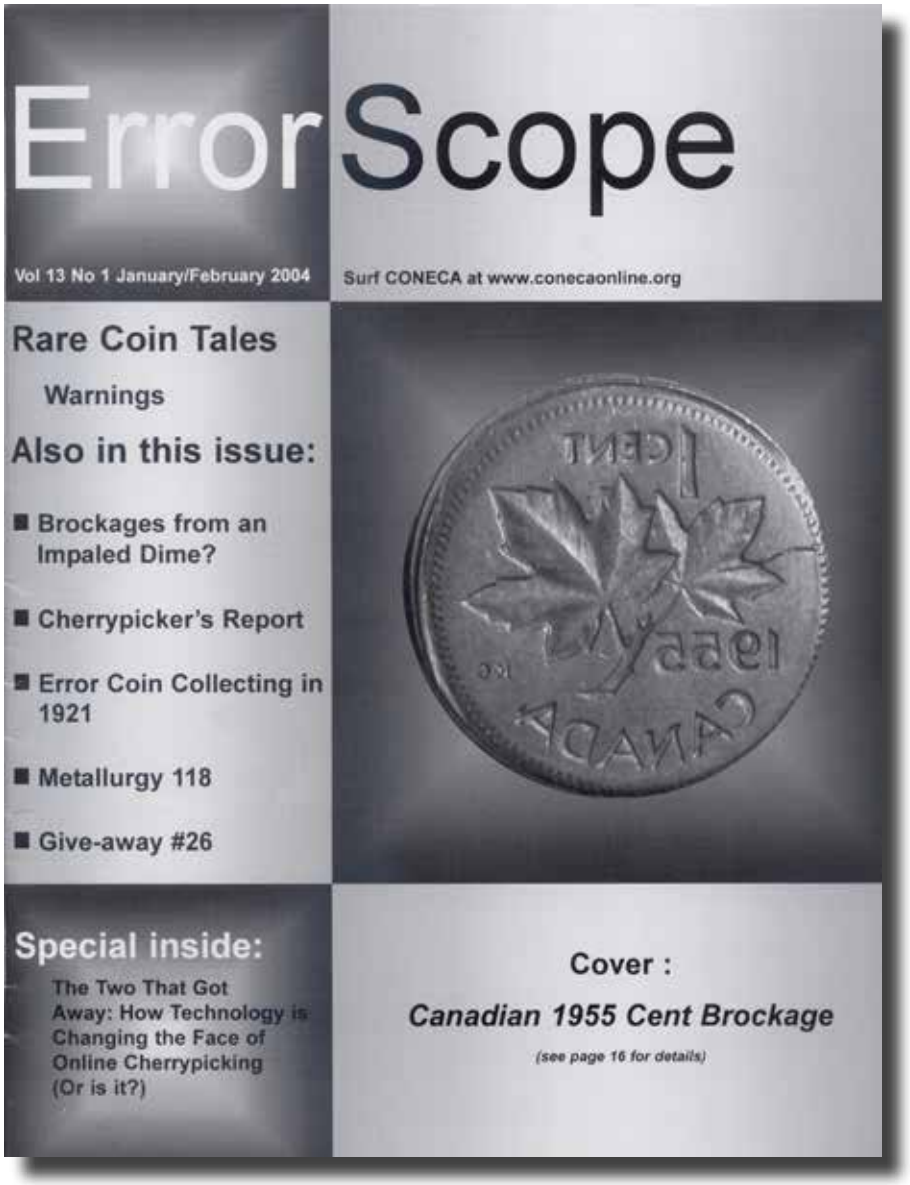
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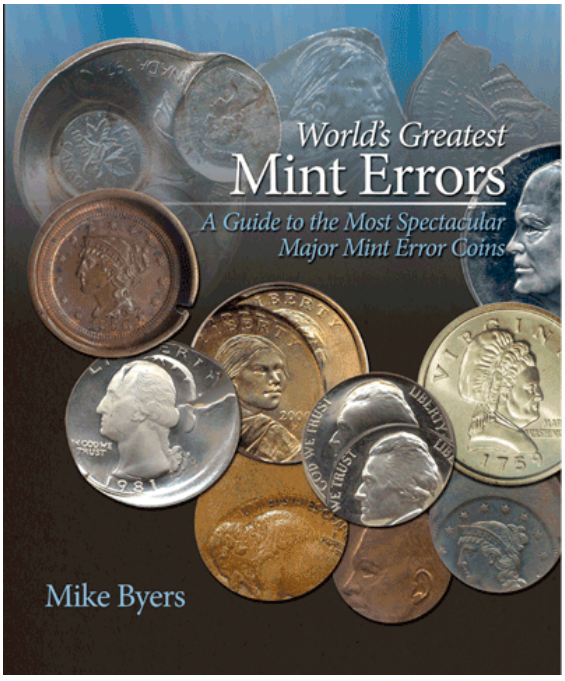

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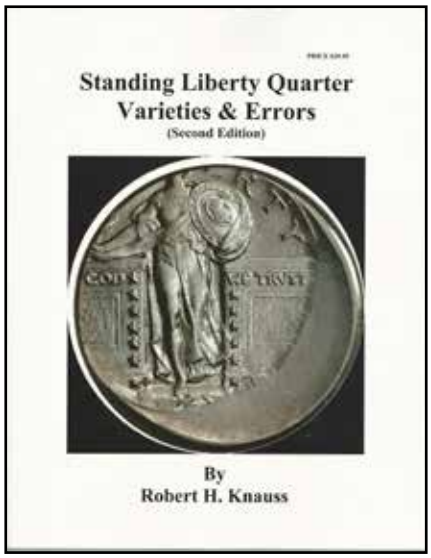

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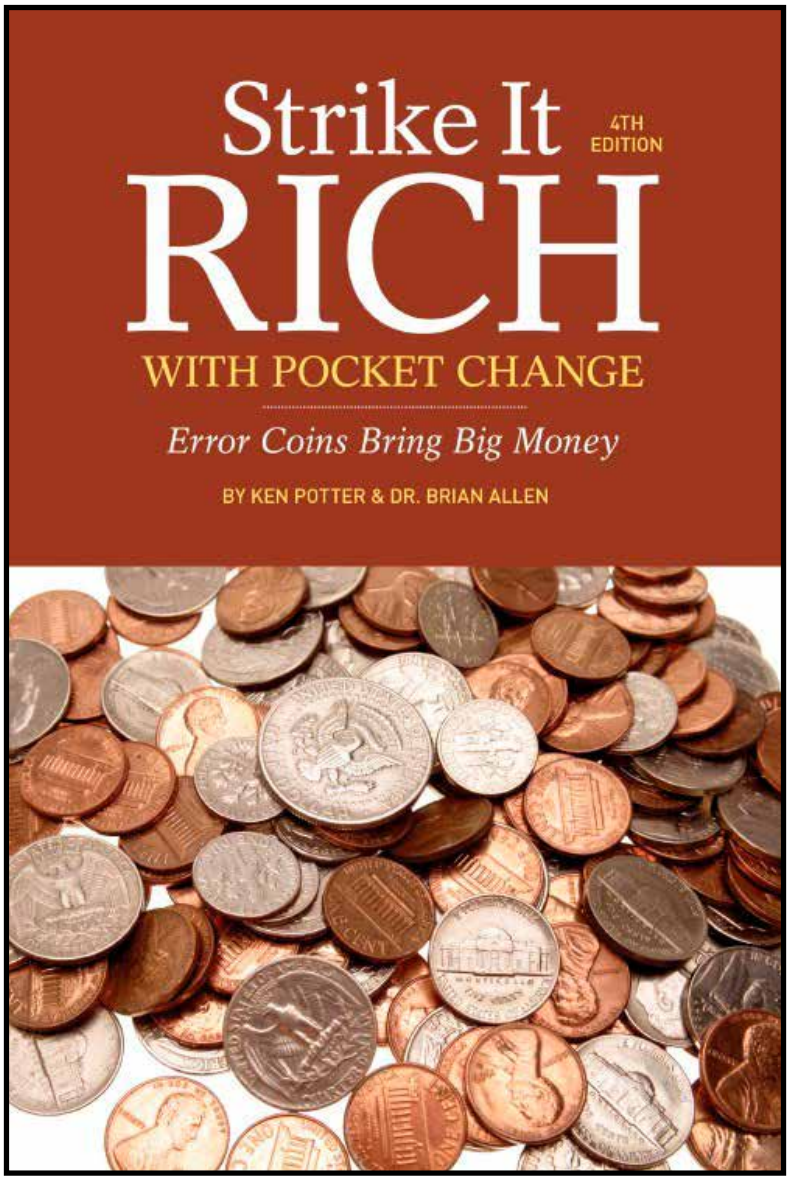

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